

Semester in **FLORENCE**



Italy

with City College of San Francisco

Program Dates:

September 1 - November 28, 2008

February 23 - May 22, 2009

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Immerse yourself in experiential learning – Spend the Semester in Florence with City College of San Francisco and ACCENT. Florence becomes an extension of your classroom as you explore Florentine cathedrals, monuments, churches, museums and galleries. You will attend Italian Grammar and Conversation classes at the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci, as well as Art History and History classes with local faculty. Participants on the Semester in Florence program live in student apartments located throughout the city and have the opportunity to attend cultural events and optional excursions as well as social activities organized by the ACCENT Florence Center staff. The ACCENT Florence Center also provides support and guidance to students on each of its programs.

Once you have completed and submitted the initial application form included in this brochure, you will receive more detailed application and enrollment forms as well as a student handbook by email from ACCENT. If you have questions about this program, please feel free to contact us at any time: ACCENT 800.869.9291 or Jill Hefron, City College of San Francisco Study Abroad Office at 415.239.3778.

Student Services: The ACCENT Centers

ACCENT is an independent study abroad program provider with a multinational team of staff members who all have personal experiences in study abroad. With more than 20 years of experience coordinating high-quality overseas study programs, ACCENT works in partnership with U.S. colleges and universities to develop academically challenging and culturally enriching overseas study experiences in Paris, Florence, London, Madrid and Rome. Each city is host to a fully staffed ACCENT Center that serves as a home base for program participants. The ACCENT San Francisco Center coordinates program enrollment and pre-departure preparation for students helping to make their transition to living overseas as smooth as possible.

The fully staffed ACCENT Florence Center, located in the historic city center near the Piazza del Duomo, serves as a home base to program participants. The ACCENT Center is open during the week for students to access the resource and lending library, use the computer lab, ask questions, collect their mail and take advantage of a variety of other student services.

Transferable Academic Credit

The Semester in Florence program is offered for transferable college credit through City College of San Francisco, which will provide a transcript upon request for the coursework completed overseas. City College of San Francisco is a regionally accredited two-year college. All coursework and credit awarded are lower-division, undergraduate. All courses transfer to the California State University system. All courses except Italian Conversation transfer to the University of California system. Please verify the transferability of courses with your advisor or registrar before you apply.

Application and Enrollment

The Semester in Florence program is open to participants that are 18 or older at the time of application. Program space is limited. Students who meet the eligibility requirements should send in the attached application with the \$250 non-refundable first payment as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your application and first payment, ACCENT and City College of San Francisco will send you additional application and enrollment forms. Applications must be received by May 1, 2008 for the fall and October 23, 2008 for the spring. Beyond these dates, limited enrollment is allowed, when space permits. For more information, please contact ACCENT at 800.869.9291.





Cultural Program

Cultural learning is an integral part of the Semester in Florence program. Participants attend on-site lectures at museums and historical sites within and outside of Florence. In addition, participants have the opportunity to attend a series of optional excursions outside of Florence. In the past these optional excursions have included day trips to Siena/San Gimignano and Pisa/Lucca, as well as a three-day/two-night excursion to Rome. More information on optional excursions will be available at the overseas orientation. *Excursions are chosen based on the academic curriculum and are subject to change.*

Program Faculty

Linda Reynolds received her B.A. in Italian Studies from the University of Reading, England and her M.A. in Art History, with a specialization in the Italian Renaissance, from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Ms. Reynolds has taught Art History classes for ACCENT programs in Florence since 1988.

Program timetable:	Fall 2008	Spring 2009	
	Application due: with first payment Second payment due: May 1 Final payment due: June 3 Pre-departure orientation: July (TBD) Departure from U.S.: August 31 Arrival in Florence: September 1 Overseas orientation: September 2 Classes begin: September 8 Return to U.S.: November 28	Application due: with first payment Second payment due: October 23 Final payment due: November 25 Pre-departure orientation: January (TBD) Departure from U.S.: February 22 Arrival in Florence: February 23 Overseas orientation: February 24 Classes begin: March 2 Return to U.S.: May 22	

Academic Curriculum

Italian Language classes are held in Florence at the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci, an Italian language school located in the heart of Florence's historic city center, and a short walk from the Duomo. The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci faculty are native speakers of Italian who are specially trained to teach Italian to foreigners. The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is a member of the Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL). Art History and History classes are held at the ACCENT Center and include on-site lectures at museums, monuments and historical sites within and outside of Florence.

Students on the Semester in Florence program may choose from the following courses. Beginning Italian students can expect to be in grammar classes a minimum of two hours per day, four days per week; Intermediate/advanced Italian students can expect to be in grammar and conversation classes a minimum of four hours per day, five days per week.

IT 1A+1B or 2A+2B: Beg. Italian Language	6 Semester Units/Faculty
IT 1 or 2: Beg. Italian Language	5 Semester Units/Faculty
IT 3A+3B and/or 4A+4B: Int./Adv. Int. Italian Language	6 Semester Units/Faculty

Language classes take place at the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci, which specializes in Italian language instruction for foreigners. Italian Language courses are taught at levels from beginning to intermediate/advanced. CSU/UC

IT 10A/10B/10C/10D/15A/15B: Italian Conversation	3 Semester Units/Faculty
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This course is specially designed to enable participants to start using Italian immediately in everyday situations and to develop practical vocabulary. Courses are taught at multiple levels from beginning through advanced. CSU

HIST 5 Europe Since 1900 (Fall and Spring)	3 Semester Units/Faculty
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A survey of developments since 1900 with emphasis on European and world relationships since 1914. The political-economic-social effects on Europe of the World Wars and the power blocks. The reason for current European attitudes. On-site lectures at museums and historical sites in Florence. CSU/UC

ART 102 Western Art History: 4th Century to Early Renaissance (Fall Only)	3 Semester Units/Reynolds
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A survey of Western art from the fourth century to the early Renaissance. The course begins with the Roman era as an introduction, and continues to the early Renaissance. All art is discussed from both critical and historical perspectives, with regard to formal visual elements of style and the social context of the values and ideas that gave birth to Western art. On-site lectures at museums and historical sites in Florence. Taught in English. CSU/UC

ART 103 Western Art History: Late Renaissance to the 19th Century (Spring Only)	3 Semester Units/Reynolds
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A survey of the developments in art from the late Renaissance to the 19th century. All art is discussed from both critical and historical perspectives, with regard to formal visual elements of style and the social context of the values and ideas that gave birth to Western art. On-site lectures at museums and historical sites in Florence. Taught in English. CSU/UC

above classes are subject to change

“How much beauty is here, when, on a fair clear morning, we look from the summit of a hill, on Florence! See where it lies before us in a sun-lighted valley, bright with the winding Arno, and shut in by swelling hills; its domes and towers, and palaces, rising from the rich country in a glittering heap, and shining in the sun like gold!”

– Charles Dickens

FLORENCE, ITALY

Spend a Semester in Florence, one of the world's centers of art and culture. Immerse yourself in the language and culture of the Renaissance in a city still adorned with the paintings, sculpture and architecture of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Brunelleschi. Florence is your classroom as you study Italian Language, Art History and History with on-site lectures at the many galleries, museums and cultural sites throughout the city

Students on the Semester in Florence program live in student apartments and attend classes at the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci and the ACCENT Center. The ACCENT Florence Center also organizes a number of cultural and social activities for program participants, as well as optional day and weekend excursions outside of Florence.

The Semester in Florence program is offered for transferable college credit through City College of San Francisco, all coursework and credit awarded are lower-division, undergraduate. The program takes place every fall and spring. Consecutive semesters may be combined for an academic year. City College of San Francisco, which is a regionally accredited two-year college, will provide a transcript upon request for the coursework completed overseas.

ACCENT, in conjunction with City College of San Francisco, is responsible for the coordination and administration of the Semester in Florence Program. Together, ACCENT and City College of San Francisco are committed to providing international opportunities that foster the understanding of different cultures.

Semester in Florence

WITH CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

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I have carefully read the brochure for the Semester in Florence Program and wish to apply. I agree to the terms and conditions stated in the program brochure, including the payment and refund policies. I understand that if there are any changes in the terms and conditions ACCENT will notify me in writing. The applicant shall be the client of ACCENT for all purposes. Any applicable refunds will be returned to the applicant regardless of the source of payment. *Please type or print clearly in black ink.*

Please indicate which semester you are applying for:

- Fall 2008 Spring 2009 Academic Year 2008/2009*

Name (first, middle, last)		Signature	
School Attending	Year in School	Major	
Current Address		How long can you be reached at your current address?	
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Please indicate the best times to reach you and at which number
Email (required)		Sex	
Permanent Address (if different than current address)			
City	State	Zip	Permanent Phone
Country of Citizenship	Date of Birth (participants must be at least 18 years old at time of application)		

How did you hear about this program? (please be as specific as possible)

Financial Aid Recipients Only:

- I would like to apply for ACCENT's Deferred Payment Plan. Please send me the Deferred Payment Plan eligibility packet. ACCENT's Deferred Payment Plan may allow me to defer payment of up to 40% of the ACCENT program fees by using Financial Aid awarded through my school. I understand that if I am accepted into ACCENT's Deferred Payment Plan, the plan will constitute an amendment to the terms and conditions in this program brochure.

Please return this application with the \$250 non-refundable first payment, made payable to ACCENT, to:
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*Academic Year students may sign up for two semesters in succession before leaving the United States. If students apply for a second semester while overseas they will most likely need to return to the United States before the second semester begins in order to renew their visa.
Please submit a \$500 non-refundable first payment for the two semesters

Program Price: \$5950

plus a \$200 refundable security deposit

Program Price Includes

- Double room in a shared student apartment in Florence
- Tuition at the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci
- Cultural activity series
- Orientation program and walking tour of Florence
- Welcome dinner
- Support and services of the ACCENT Florence staff and use of the ACCENT Florence information and resource center and computer lab.
- International Student Identity Card with limited overseas travel and accident insurance

Program Price Does Not Include

- Round-trip airfare
- CCSF tuition and fees (see description)
- Optional \$750 single room supplement
- A series of optional excursions to locations outside of Florence
- Meals
- Required medical insurance
- Personal expenses, books, passports, visas, and anything not listed as included
- Travel or personal property insurance
- Estimated amount of €30-€60 for the Permesso di Soggiorno (Italian residence permit) to be paid to ACCENT at overseas orientation

Participant Housing

Students may choose to live in double or single rooms in shared student apartments. Single rooms in shared apartments are limited, not guaranteed and require a supplement of \$750. Apartments are located throughout Florence, within walking distance of or a short bus ride from the school and the city center. Student apartments include shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. During the optional overnight excursion students will be in either double, triple or quad rooms in two star hotels. Housing is provided from the first day of the program (September 1, 2008 for fall semester and February 23, 2009 for spring semester).

CCSF Tuition & Fees

Academic credit for this program is awarded by City College of San Francisco. A \$20 per unit (credit hour) enrollment fee, plus a per-semester fee of \$16, must be paid to CCSF at the time of registration. Non-residents of California pay \$190 per unit (credit hour), plus a per-semester fee of \$16. Fees are set by the State of California and are subject to change. For more information, please contact the CCSF Study Abroad Office at (415) 239-3778.

Payment Schedule

Fall 2008 Semester

Non-refundable first payment due with application	\$250
Second payment due May 1, 2008	\$2950
Final payment due June 3, 2008	\$2950

Spring 2009 Semester

Non-refundable first payment due with application	\$250
Second payment due Oct. 23, 2008	\$2950
Final payment due Nov. 25, 2008	\$2950

The above breakdown includes the \$200 refundable security deposit. The payment schedule is the applicant's contractual obligation. Failure to make each payment when due shall automatically cancel participant from the program one week after payment due date. All payments are effective the day they are received by the ACCENT San Francisco Center. ACCENT, in its sole discretion, may reinstate an applicant subject to availability of space and late enrollment fees. All prices and fees reflect exchange rates current as of 10/07 and are subject to change. ACCENT charges a \$20 bounced check fee for each check received that is not promptly paid by your bank in the normal course of business.

Transportation

All participants must check-in at the ACCENT Florence Center September 1, 2008 for fall semester and February 23, 2009 for spring semester between 9am and 5pm (Note: most transatlantic flights arrive one day after their departure date). Airfare is not included in the program fee.

Requirements for Study & Travel in Europe (visas)

All participants on this program are required to apply for and obtain a visa prior to departure from the United States. A visa is written permission from the Italian Consulate to visit or temporarily reside in a country and is granted by the government of that country. A visa is inserted into your passport. Additional information on obtaining visas and associated costs will be provided to participants after applications are received.

Financial Aid

Students currently attending City College of San Francisco may be eligible for grant or loan assistance through the Financial Aid Office. For an application please visit www.ccsf.edu/Financial or call 415.239.3576. Students who have completed at least 12 units at CCSF may apply for scholarships ranging from \$50 - \$1000. For further information and an application, please call the Study Abroad Office at 415.239.3778. Financial Aid students must submit the \$250 non-refundable first payment with their application and may contact ACCENT to discuss possible deferment of remaining payments. Financial Aid is not available through ACCENT.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be made in writing to ACCENT and City College of San Francisco and are effective the date of receipt. Participants are liable for payments until written cancellation is received by ACCENT.

Cancellation Fees:

90 days or more prior to start of program	\$250
60 to 89 days prior to start of program	\$500
30 to 59 days prior to start of program	\$1000
8 to 29 days prior to start of program	\$2000
0 to 7 days prior to start of program	No Refund

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ACCENT is not responsible for the academic segment of the program except as specified in the contract between ACCENT and City College of San Francisco. Nor is ACCENT responsible for airline delays of any kind, or for expenses or loss incurred as a result of such delays. With regard to transportation/travel, regardless of the type of vehicle, ACCENT acts for the passenger as agent only. ACCENT assumes no liability for accident, injury, damage, or loss in any vehicle, or as a result of default by any person or company engaged in transporting the passenger. CST #1013432-40.

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