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FLORENCE

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WHY KENT STATE FLORENCE?

Kent State University has been educating students in Florence for more than 40 years. The program's new home is the Palazzo Vettori, a recently renovated 15th century building located a short walk from the famous Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral. The building is a remarkable combination of classical architecture and modern amenities. According to historian Guido Carocci, construction of the original building began in the early 15th century. Its façade embodies the new ideas of Renaissance architecture based on the use of rustication. Prior to the opening of the Palazzo Vettori in 2016, the Florence program was divided between two separate buildings. The single structure now provides students greater collaboration, community and convenience.

Comprehensive orientations before you leave the States and when you arrive in Italy prepare you for life in Florence. Our staff is there to get you settled and is available all semester to help with everything from a simple restaurant recommendation to a medical emergency. Our faculty provide an outstanding education both inside and outside the classroom, capitalizing on the Florentine setting with city walks, museum visits, and field trips.

Instruction is in English, and Kent State Florence offers a wide selection of courses in various subject areas, along with all levels of Italian language. If you're not a Kent State student, you can easily enroll as a guest.

And if Florence is your preferred destination but you don't see the perfect program in this booklet, contact the Office of Global Education. Kent State Florence also offers a Summer Institute, graduate coursework, and short-term faculty-led courses.

THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

▶ You'll live and study in one of the most beautiful and historic cities in Europe, walking the same stone streets Leonardo da Vinci and Dante walked. Not to mention the delicious Italian cuisine you'll be able to enjoy – from authentic pizza and fresh pasta, to rich gelato and traditional coffee – your time in Florence will be an experience for all of the senses. Plus after your classes Monday through Thursday, you'll also have long weekends to explore Europe – maybe Paris, London, Barcelona, or a medieval village in the Tuscan countryside. You could spend Thanksgiving in Ireland or spring break in Santorini – it's your adventure!

INCREASED GLOBAL AWARENESS


▶ How do you begin to understand the world beyond your borders if you've never witnessed it? As a Kent State Florence student, you aren't just a tourist, you're a member of the community, sharing a daily routine with local residents and beginning to understand life through the lens of another culture. Being exposed to diverse ways of life and facing the challenges of cross-cultural communication are essential to becoming a global citizen, which is so important in today's highly interdependent political and economic systems.

PERSONAL GROWTH

▶ No one who studies abroad can be unchanged by the experience. It is truly transformative. Expect to return home more independent and confident, with improved skills in problem solving and leadership. Students who study abroad learn about themselves as they learn about the world. Many find new directions and passions, and form lifelong friendships. They are empowered by accomplishments large and small, from a brief Italian conversation with a shopkeeper to picking the perfect plane/train/bus/taxi combination to get to the Eiffel Tower.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

▶ Study abroad gives you an edge in the job hunt. It distinguishes you as adventurous, creative, flexible and adaptable – all traits prospective employers look for. A recent study found that students who studied abroad landed jobs in their fields sooner and earned higher starting salaries than students who did not. Effective communication across cultures has become critical in all professions, and your background in this area will set you apart. Office of Global Education workshops can help you articulate the value of your experience on your resume and in interviews.



Palazzo Vettori, an 15th century building located a short walk from Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral in the city center, is the new home of Kent State Florence.



LEARN, LIVE, LOVE FLORENCE

Kent State Florence is a comprehensive academic and cultural program. In addition to completing a full course load, students have many opportunities to get acquainted with Florence and Italy. Open to all students and included in the program fee are numerous activities introducing Italian life and culture.

ACADEMICS

▶ You don't need a particular major to study in Florence or even any major at all. The self-discovery that takes place during a semester in Florence has been known to inspire undecided or exploratory students with the direction they've been looking for. All majors are welcome at Kent State Florence, and if you plan ahead and work with an advisor, the range of courses offered will keep you progressing on schedule toward your degree. In addition to all levels of Italian language, you'll find a variety of courses in many disciplines. Course credit is awarded by Kent State University and is widely accepted around the world.

▶ COURSES OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS

Architecture, Interior Design, Business, Communications, Psychology, Sociology, History, Classics, Italian Language, and Fashion.

For a full and updates list of courses, please visit www.kent.edu/florence.

HOUSING

▶ Kent State Florence students live in fully furnished apartments within a 10- to 20-minute walk to school. The apartments are centrally located in various neighborhoods, giving students the true experience of living as a local.

Each apartment houses two to eight students. They are completely furnished, including bed linens, kitchen utensils, refrigerator, stove, TV, and wireless Internet.

Home stays are also available for students who wish to have a more culturally and linguistically immersing experience.

SUGGESTIONS FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

▶ A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Enjoy a celebrated opera by one of the great Italian composers performed in beautiful St. Mark's Church.

▶ RIVER RAFTING

Admire the architectural beauty of Florence from a new perspective: a relaxing rafting trip down the Arno.

▶ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Give back to Florence by working with the elderly or helping to keep the city clean with Angeli del Bello.

▶ SOCCER MATCH

Join 40,000 Italians in going wild over their national sport as you wear purple and cheer on the Fiorentina.

▶ ITALIAN COOKING CLASS

Prepare classic Italian dishes under the guidance of trained chefs, and then enjoy every delicious bite!

▶ FERRAGAMO & GUCCI MUSEUMS

Florence and fashion are inseparable. Bask in the work of two geniuses of 20th-century Italian style.



Clockwise from top left: A student studies in the Richard Role Reading Room; a visit to the Piazza del Duomo in Florence; an Italian cooking class; and examples of students' fashion designs.



WHY STOP AT FLORENCE?

In addition to introducing students to such extraordinary Italian cities as Rome and Venice, field trip and study tour destinations are selected to bring extra depth to students' understanding of their specific areas of study. For example, architecture students explore Verona, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; business students investigate the global financial center of Geneva; communication students visit media and communication establishments in Milan; and fashion students travel to Italian textile producers and Paris fashion houses.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

TUITION AND FEES for Kent State Florence are based on approved tuition and fees rates including non-Ohio resident rate if applicable. Tuition and fees will be posted to your Kent State student account to be paid according to university-published due dates.

PROGRAM CHARGES include airfare, housing, program fee, field trip fee, and medical insurance. All these charges will be posted to your Kent State student account to be paid according to university-published due dates.


OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES include food, personal expenses, and independent travel. You have a lot of flexibility with these costs and can make decisions based on your own financial situation. For example, will you eat in expensive restaurants, or will you invite friends to shop together and cook at home? For weekend travel, will you stay in luxury hotels or hostels? Or to spend even less, stay close to home – there is so much to see in Florence and surrounding Tuscany.

DETAILS OF PROGRAM CHARGES

▶ TUITION	
For current tuition rates, see www.kent.edu/florence as well as Kent State Admissions and Financial Aid websites.	
▶ AIRFARE	
Includes round trip transportation from Ohio to Florence, Italy. Students may opt to fly independently instead.	\$1,500
▶ HOUSING	
Covers furnished apartments, which include utilities, wireless Internet, bed linens, and kitchen essentials. Towels are not provided.	\$3,200
▶ FIELD TRIP FEES	
Covers lodging, breakfast, transportation and all entry fees.	\$550 - \$2,500
▶ PROGRAM FEES	
Covers (among other things) administrative costs in Kent and in Florence, stay permits, teaching and library materials, Internet service, orientation sessions, and social and cultural activities.	\$2,600
▶ MEDICAL INSURANCE	
As required by Kent State University, valid only for expenses incurred outside of the United States.	\$200

PLEASE NOTE: All of the above costs are **estimates** and are subject to change. Costs are provided for planning purposes only – actual costs should be confirmed by the student consistent with his or her semester of study in Florence. The student should also understand that all incurred expenses are subject to change due to possible fluctuations in the dollar-to-euro exchange rate during his or her time in Europe.

Financial Aid and Scholarships are available to qualifying students. Check with advisors in the Kent State Student Financial Aid Office and the Kent State Office of Global Education for more information.



The Duomo, or cathedral, is Florence's most iconic structure and is considered a "Must See" site by National Geographic.