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THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

You’ll live and study in one of the most beautiful and historic cities in Europe, making the same stone streets Leonardo da Vinci and Dante walked. Not to mention the delicious Italian cuisine you’ll enjoy – from authentic pizza and fresh pasta, to rich gelato and traditional coffee – your time in Florence will be an experience for all your senses. 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, winter break, or spring break in Barcelona – it’s your adventure!

INCREASED GLOBAL AWARENESS

You’ll go to places you’ve never before, you’ll make friends from other cultures, you won’t feel like a tourist, you’ll be a member of this 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 the challenges of cross-cultural communication is essential to becoming a global citizen, which is one of the goals of 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. They develop friendships and passions, and form lifelong friendships. They are empowered by the knowledge and skills they learn in Florence, and are better prepared to pursue the diplomas/bachelor’s degrees from a variety of fields of study and to find a career that is personally and professionally satisfying.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Study abroad gives you an edge in the job hunt. It distinguishes you as adventurous, flexible and adaptable – all traits prospective employers look for. In fact, many employers today, who are studying abroad have more skills and knowledge. Whether you’re entering the workforce for the first time or are looking for a career change, the skills you develop abroad are valuable on your resume and in interviews. Office of Global Education workshops can help you articulate the value of your experience on your resume and in interviews.
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 abroad inspires and includes 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, regardless of your academic major. Lastly, you’ll find a variety of courses in your major. School credit is given by Kent State University and is widely accepted around the world.

► COURSES OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS

For a full and updated 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 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 immersive 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.
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**ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS**

**TUITION AND FEES** for Kent State Florence include tuition, health insurance, and one fee, including the non-Ohio resident rate if applicable. Fees are paid to Kent State from which your Kent State student account is 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 added 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 make friends to drop together and eat at home (or elsewhere)? Will you stay in luxury hotels or hostels to spend even less, stay close to home, which is so much to see in Florence and surrounding Tuscany.

**DETAILS OF PROGRAM CHARGES**

► **TUITION**
  For current tuition rates, see [www.kent.edu/florence](http://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.

► **HOUSING**
  Covers furnished apartments, which include utilities, wireless Internet, bed linens, and kitchen essentials. Towels are not provided.

► **FIELD TRIP FEES**
  Typically include lodging, transportation and all entry fees.

► **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.

► **MEDICAL INSURANCE**
  As required by Kent State University, valid only for expenses incurred outside of the United States.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** All of the above costs are estimates and are subject to change. Costs are provided for planning purposes and should be compared to the student’s personal expenses for one semester of study in Florence. The student should be expected that all incurred expenses are subject to change based on the student’s personal expenses.

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.