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.

Palazzo Vettori, a 15th century building, is the new home of Kent State Florence.
The Program

► Florence Summer Institute courses meet during the four weeks of May 29 through June 29, 2019
► Students will take two courses (see list at right) and earn six to seven total credits. Courses are taught in English. Classes meet Monday through Thursday.
► Short distances and three-day weekends enable you to explore Italy and beyond.
► You’ll live with other Kent State Florence students in apartments within a short walk of your classes. Apartments are fully furnished, have wireless internet, and are outfitted for cooking (just bring towels).

2019 Costs

► Kent State tuition* for six or seven credit hours depending on which courses are selected.
► Program estimated charges of approximately $1,820 will cover housing, medical insurance, and program costs, including the Siena field trip (costs may vary slightly based on exchange rate).
► Additional out-of-pocket expenses include meals, social activities, optional field trips, personal expenses and travel (optional group flight is approximately $1600).
► Financial aid is available

*See the Bursar’s office for applicable cohort or non-cohort/resident or non-resident tuition rates: https://www.kent.edu/bursar/tuition-and-fees

2019 Courses

AERN Airport Management
AERN Aviation Safety Theory
ANTH Faces: Human Head Anatomy with a Forensic Art Focus
ARTH The Golden Age of Italian Art
BSCI Beauty and the Brain: Exploring Florence Through the Senses
BSCI Feasts and Plagues: the Science of Italian Food, Wine, and Disease
BUS International Business Experience: Switzerland
BUS International Business
CCI Italian Cinema
CLAS The Roman Achievement
COMM Intercultural Communication
COMM The Genius of Florence
CRIM From Magna Carta to the Beheading of Kings: The Origins of Modern Criminology
ENG TEFL Practicum
FDM Italian Fashion and Culture
FDM Italian Study Tour
HDFS Cultural Diversity
HDFS Trauma, Crisis and Resiliency: A Global Perspective
HDFS Love, Marriage, and Family: Florence
HDFS Child Development
HIST Italian Mafia
HIST The Florentine Renaissance
ITAL Elementary Italian 1
ITAL Intermediate Italian 2
MKTG International Marketing
PHY Seven Ideas that Shook the Universe
POL/ War and Peace: Italy’s Historical Role in NATO and EU Security
PSYC Emotions, Culture, & Health
UC Career Construction