

Florence Semester program – Institute at Palazzo Rucellai

ITAL 201: The Florence Experience III: Intermediate Italian I

Credits: 3

Instructor: TBA

Schedule: TBA

Prerequisite: Elementary Italian I and II

Site visit fees: TBA

Course Description:

The Florence Experience is an interdisciplinary language course which focuses on developing proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing Italian, while introducing the students to various, relevant aspects of contemporary Florentine and Italian culture.

The city of Florence becomes a cultural laboratory: with its world-famous fashion concerns, its beautiful theaters and lively markets, its young writers and actors, and its characteristic stores and artisans' workshops, it is a composite of contemporary Italian culture to be explored by the student.

In addition to classroom work based on the standard content of the first semester of language study, the course includes a series of on-site encounters, which will range from interviews with various exponents of Florentine society, to encounters with representatives of prestigious fashion concerns, field-trips and treasure hunts at the most vivacious markets in town, encounters with young writers, actors and journalists at the local newspaper's editorial office, and experiencing the vibrant atmosphere of Florentine theaters to encounters with artisans in the botteghe of the characteristic neighborhood of Oltrarno.

Course descriptions may be subject to occasional minor modifications at the discretion of the instructor.

Textbooks: TBA

During orientation at the Institute, students will receive a list of textbooks they are required to purchase. Students should not purchase any texts before orientation.