

ITAL 102: The Florence Experience

Credits: 3

Instructor: TBA

Schedule: TBA

Prerequisite: Elementary Italian I

Site Visits Fee: TBA

***a minimum of 6 students will be required to activate this course**

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 second 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.