University of St. Francis
Presents a...

Fall Semester in
FLORENCE, ITALY
September 4- December 12, 2015

To study abroad may be one of the best decisions you ever make...

Study abroad is an opportunity to learn from new or different perspectives, to absorb another culture and gain an appreciation for another way of life.

No wonder most students who study abroad rate their experience as one of the most important of their undergraduate career!

In today’s complex world of competitive job market, the decision to study abroad may be one of the best decisions you ever make.
**Why Florence, Italy?**

For centuries the Tuscan capital of Florence was the undisputed center of European artistic culture. Between studies, you can explore the elegant streets and visit museums such as the Academia where Michelangelo’s famous sculpture, The David, stands. On sunny afternoons, you can browse the wonderful open-air markets. Finally, as the sun sets, you can enjoy a glass of Chianti with a meal of wholesome Florentine soup, handmade pasta and of course, an elaborate dessert.

For those who love the outdoors, Tuscany possesses an extraordinary variety of seacoasts, mountains, rivers and plains. Take a weekend and explore one of the region’s two national parks or rocky emerald coasts. Tuscany’s ever-changing landscape makes even a short journey an adventure! This countryside, combined with a temperate climate, gives rise to many of Italy’s famous products—so famous, in fact, that they are ‘protected Denomination of Origin’ (DOP) products. This program will give you an opportunity to visit the modern sites of such products as Tuscan pecorino cheese, olive oil, and liqueur wines.

**Academic Courses Available:**

**Courses taught by Dr. John Bowers**

1. Italy and Literary Imagination: Equivalent to USF’s Intro to Lit
2. Images of St. Francis: Equivalent to USF theology course

**Additional courses offered by Florentine professors:**

1. Beginning Composition Drawing: USF fine arts course
2. Beginning Watercolor: USF fine arts course
3. Beginning Figurative Sculpture: USF fine arts course
4. Beginning Oil Painting: USF fine arts course
5. Introduction of Photojournalism
6. Understanding Modern Italy
7. The Impact of Globalization on European Markets
8. Political and Economic History of Europe in 20th century
9. Cross-Cultural Psychology
10. Analyzing and Exploring the Global City: Florence
11. The Culture of Italy: USF general history course
12. Renaissance Art History: USF fine arts course

**USF Faculty**

Director of Study Abroad programs in Florence for USF students in Spring 2007, Spring 2009, Fall 2011, and Fall 2013.

**Included Excursions**

**Orientation Tour:** Get to know Florence on a walking tour around the city after the host-culture orientation.

**Assisi- 3 days/ 2 nights:** The home of St. Francis and the Franciscan order, Assisi is a beautiful medieval hill town dominated by the spirit of St. Francis. Also includes trip to Laverne, where St. Francis received his stigmata.

**Siena:** Day visit to one of the most beautiful cities in Italy, a city stopped in time.

**Independent Travel**

Use your free weekend to travel to Europe’s great cities. CAPA’s local staff will assist you in choosing destinations and transportation. Student favorites include Paris, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Dublin, and the French Riviera. There will be a one week break during the semester at which time students will have the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe. There will be no classes during this period.

**Program Expenses**

Students will pay the regular USF tuition + a $2,500 program fee, which will cover housing. Students are eligible to use all of their financial aid. Any student who receives an athletic scholarship can speak with their coach and on a case-by-case basis, decisions will be made about whether or not students can use their athletic scholarship to help cover the costs of studying abroad.

Round trip airfare costs approximately $/1,200 student per student. The flight departs on September 4, 2014 from O’Hare to Florence Italy. Students return to O’Hare on December 12, 2014.

**What is included in the price?**

- Student housing and shared apartment throughout the city of Florence
- Italian language course
- Course on Images of St. Francis in Art and Literature
- Choice of up to 3 additional courses taught in English
- Orientation, welcome reception, mid-term dinner, and departure ceremony
- Travel and health insurance
- 24-hour emergency care and crisis management
- 1 group full day excursion to Siena and the City of Towers
- Access to the CAPA center, including computer lab and wireless internet
• MyEducation program: Events arranged by CAPA staff in Florence, rich and varied calendar of activities, lectures, walking tours, etc. Events designed to give students opportunity to engage with the host culture during their time abroad.
• Comprehensive support system and professional advising
• Pre-departure support from CAPA’s Boston based team
• British Institute Library Membership
• Museum Pass (entrance to public museums in Florence, including Uffizi Museum and Academia Gallery)
• Bus pass in Florence for the duration of the program
• Transportation and lodging for trip to Assisi