

Study Abroad in Italy

Halfway between ROME and FLORENCE ORVIETO in Summer Term 3 (June 26 – August 6, 2010)

Engage all the senses this summer by studying in **Orvieto**, a city with Etruscan roots positioned on top of a volcanic tufa-stone butte surrounded by a stunning countryside. Located between Florence and Rome, it has all the charm and appeal of a true Italian city without the big city price.



- Engage in several of the studio arts and study the “textures” and “impressions” of Orvieto in a unique setting
- Study among Etruscan ruins & artifacts and explore Etruscan tunnels and caves
- Live in the Istituto San Lodovico, a restored historic study center in the heart of Orvieto

Program Base: Orvieto is a charming historic city on top of a volcanic tufa butte in Umbria, “Italy’s green heart”. An impressive Duomo dominates the skyline, and many sites and museums convey the city’s rich history from Etruscan times to the present. Conveniently located halfway between Rome and Florence, Orvieto is the perfect base for exploring Italy and other portions of Europe.

Price: \$3,350.00; includes lodging (shared double rooms with shower and toilet), breakfast 4 days a week and lunch 3 days a week, 3 group dinners, 2 full-day group excursions (+lunch) + 1 full-day study tour; multiple site visits, mini-workshops with local artisans, a museum pass (access to all of Orvieto’s museums and sites, including an Etruscan necropolis and “Orvieto underground”); on-site support staff, access to the public areas of the Istituto for quiet study, the ISIC insurance card, pre-departure orientation. Not included in the price: FAU tuition (out of state tuition extra), air fare, some meals and incidentals.

Courses offered: (Students must enroll in ITA 4930 and ARTC 4930 for a total of 7 credits;

ITA 4930 Textures and Impressions: Reading the City 3 credits

ITA 4905 Textures and Impressions: DIS 1 credit

ARTC 4930 Textures and Impressions: Studio Art 4 credits

(Consider an 8-credit FAU summer A Intensive Italian course [ITA 1150] prior to departure)

Visit the FAU study abroad web site at www.fau.edu/goabroad and click on “summer programs” for more details and syllabus information.

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Study Center: Students will study and live in the historic and recently restored Istituto San Lodovico, a former school and convent originally built in the Middle Ages and expanded in subsequent eras. The istituto has several classrooms, a library, a kitchen, many small study and reading rooms, a ballroom, a courtyard and garden, and several inner terraces. Students will eat together during the week (Mondays through Wednesdays) and enjoy kitchen privileges to prepare other meals on their own. The Istituto San Lodovico is conveniently located on the Piazza Ranieri in easy walking distance to all the main sites of Orvieto.

Courses offered:

Textures and Impressions: Reading the City (3 credits) is taught in Italian and open to all students regardless of their level of Italian. Adjustments are made for absolute beginners and advanced students. Students will learn about the art and culture of Orvieto while enhancing their knowledge of Italian. The course covers Orvieto-inspired cultural information, including historical and art historical, and incorporates the reading of local newspapers, brochures, and guides. The city and sites will be our textbook. ITA 4930 **fulfills the language requirement**. *This course has a service-learning component.*

Textures and Impressions: DIS (1 credit): This is an option for those few who need a 4th credit to meet the graduation requirement or who wish to let the course count as the equivalent of an Intermediate or advanced Italian language course.

Textures and Impressions: Studio Art (4 credits): This studio, hands-on art class is open to students of all levels (Beg, Inter, & Adv.) *including non-art majors* and is designed to engage the students to investigate, explore and creatively define their impressions of the richness of the Umbria region and the city of Orvieto through various media and methods including drawing, ceramics, photography, painting and/or printmaking techniques. **Students will organize a closing exhibit of their art work at the Istituto.**

Service-Learning: Students will have the opportunity to give back to the community and to the Istituto San Lodovico by engaging in a joint **service-learning** project as part of the program. Students will be able to use their knowledge and skills and enhance their learning while addressing some of the needs of the Italian families, students, community organizations, and professionals. All service-learning hours will be posted on the students' transcript if a completed service log is submitted to the Volunteer Center within two weeks of return to U.S.

Excursions offered: Students will participate in 2 group program excursions (tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Friday), as well as 1 local excursion (scheduled on the first Wednesday and as part of the course itinerary).

1. *Todi* is a city of beautiful medieval monuments: the cathedral (Duomo), the Palazzo del Capitano, the Palazzo del Priore and the Palazzo del Popolo (home to the city's art gallery), are all located on the main square. The piazza is one of the most picturesque in Italy and is often used as a movie set. Ride along the panoramic Etruscan wine road with a stop over for a lavish Etruscan-inspired culinary experience. Visit to the Roman port of Pagliaro and the winery of Castello di Corbara.

2. "Cascade delle Marmore" (Europe's highest waterfall, eternalized by Byron); guided tour of an Etruscan necropolis; visit to the headquarters of the Club of Budapest and the "Arco della pace (peace arch)"; ride along winding country roads among the vineyards and olive groves with a stop-over in Montecchi for an olive oil factory visit and oil tasting (lunch provided).

(3.) Castelvizzardo, Ficulle, La Rocca: visit to a clay factory; city hall, a ceramist workshop, La Rocca.

