

AUF PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

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Pre-College Programs at AUF

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The American University of Florence offers a unique opportunity for high school students to participate in its academic community. During the summer program, students can earn college credit, selecting from an exciting range of courses held at AUF's campuses located in the historic center of Florence. Courses are designed to prepare students for college entrance and the transfer of credit, while participation in field learning and extra-curricular activities will engage and immerse students in the Italian culture.

OUR PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Program Tuition
- 3-week program: 2 courses (6 credits)
- 6-week program: 3 courses including one experiential learning course (9 credits)
- Pre-program week option: if adding the field learning week prior the above programs, 3 additional credits are earned
- Centrally located accommodation
- Dedicated live-in Resident Assistants for guidance, counseling, and assistance
- Meal plan (partial)
- Daily extracurricular activities
- Comprehensive orientation session

All students are required to select two courses from the program curriculum. 6-week students also participate in an experiential learning course. The 6-week program requires a minimum GPA of 2.85, and some courses have specific prerequisites. Pre-college students will be attending college-level courses alongside undergraduate university students.

Course schedules and descriptions can be viewed by visiting the AUF website:

<https://www.auf-florence.org/academic-schedule/>

and by selecting: PRE-COLLEGE

CALENDAR DATES

3 and 6-week programs are scheduled in the AUF summer academic season.

Dates and course schedules can be viewed online at the AUF website:

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- **Pre-College I - 3 weeks**
- **Pre-College II - 3 weeks**
- **Pre-College III - 6 weeks**

Please note: 3/6-week programs also available as 4/7-week option, see field learning week description.

CULTURAL INTRODUCTION FIELD LEARNING WEEK

(Optional program add-on prior to 3-week programs)

The course aims to provide students with an in-depth introduction to Italian culture and to broaden one's awareness and understanding of the role of cultural heritage in customs and lifestyles. Led by an AUF professor, students will be on assignment as traveling scholars. Lectures will provide students with an organized, focused, and academic understanding of Italian history, art, architecture, food, religion, and culture. The course provides additional enrichment through basic notions of Italian language and terminology along with assigned readings and a final paper.

PROGRAM SUPERVISION

In collaboration with our Student Life and Development Department, the program provides live-in Resident Assistants dedicated to the safety and welfare of the high school students. AUF Resident Assistants have previous study abroad or living in Florence experience, and therefore are well-equipped to assist with the transition

to life in Florence. As well as general assistance to help each student achieve their personal, academic and social goals, RAs are on call 24/7 for health and safety emergencies.

ACCOMMODATION

Student accommodation is located in the historic city center, just a few steps from the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio and campus facilities. In some cases, depending on enrollment numbers, housing in residences or hotels may be an option.

MEALS

The program includes two meals per day: Breakfast in the residence and lunch or dinner at Fedora, AUF's culinary and pastry learning lab, as well as local Florentine restaurants.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Pre-College program engages students in a calendar of activities for cultural immersion and cohort-building. Examples of weekly activities may include the following.



Connecting Cultures City Walks

This series of activities allows students to maximize their experience in Florence through guided walks through the most significant neighborhoods in the city.



Sports Night

This activity is a great way to keep in shape while expanding your knowledge of Italian fitness culture.



Palazzi Community Center

Ongoing events at the Palazzi Community Center in Via Ricasoli 21 are open to the community and the general public. Readings, seminars, exhibits, local producers, and much more are featured on a regular basis.



CONTACT

For information on admissions and application procedures please contact admissions@auf-florence.org

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www.auf-florence.org

