



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AT FLORENCE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS

FLORENCE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS IS A DYNAMIC ACADEMIC INSTITUTION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION WITH TWO MAIN LOCATIONS IN ITALY: FLORENCE AND CINQUE TERRE.

LOCATIONS

FLORENCE

Florence is a unique city where past, present, and future intertwine. With its central location and rich history, artistic heritage, and intellectual legacy, Florence continues to captivate and inspire visitors from around the globe.

*Special, customized, and Faculty-led programs can also be run as a **two-city program**.*

CINQUE TERRE

Cradled between the Alps and the sparkling Mediterranean Sea, the city of La Spezia offers a learning experience unlike any other. Its strategic location, coupled with its proximity to the breathtaking Cinque Terre and the picturesque Tuscan Riviera, creates an ideal environment for both academic pursuits and cultural exploration.

ABOUT FUA

CAMPUS LOCATION

The FUA campus in Florence is spread throughout the city center, in multiple facilities specifically designed to offer academically challenging studies in an esthetically stimulating environment. The campus system is closely connected to the Florentine and Italian community, and represents a unique resource for cultural and local integration for all students. Cinque Terre Campus is located in the city center of La Spezia, where a close connection to the city community enhances cultural integration and community engagement. With the Mediterranean at its doorstep, the city provides a one-of-a-kind Riviera experience.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

FUA is a US-style institution with a rich and stimulating course offerings taught in the English language by international highly qualified Faculty. Students can select courses from a great variety of academic disciplines, spanning all areas of the institutions grouped under FUA and their specific departments and courses.

Students may receive US credits for the fulfilled coursework via FUA's School of Record upon request.

DEVELOPING A SPECIAL PROGRAM

FUA's Special and Faculty-Led Programs Department offers academic packages for institutions and organizations that seek a personalized option for their students. Special, customized, and faculty-led programs can be designed for groups of all sizes and students of all ages, drawing on

elements from FUA academic divisions and community engagement projects.

These unique and dynamic offerings give participants the opportunity to immerse themselves in Italian culture through hands-on learning and community engagement.

Program types include:

FACULTY-LED:

A program where a faculty member supervises the participants as a program leader but does not teach a faculty-led course on-site. The faculty represents their home institution and are responsible exclusively for their own students. Students take at least one course with FUA. Participants may be either students of, or enrolled through, the faculty member's home institution.

COOPERATIVE FACULTY-LED:

A program where a faculty member designs and participates in the program as an instructor. The faculty represents their home institution and teaches a course on-site exclusively to their own students. Students take one class with their accompanying faculty member(s) and one class with FUA.

CUSTOMIZED ENRICHMENT:

Non-credit programs tailored for students or adult learners which can feature Italian food, wine and culture, fashion, Italian language, art and architecture, business, journalism, and science topics. These programs can be tailored for adult professionals and students of all levels.

DURATION

FUA Programs can be developed year-round. For-credit programs may be held during any Academic Sessions in the Academic Calendar.

FLORENCE PROGRAMS

- 2-week programs (January and August)
- 3-week programs (Fall, Winter/Spring, and Summer)
- 6-week programs (Fall, Winter/Spring, and Summer)
- 11 or 15-week semester (Fall and Winter/Spring)

CINQUE TERRE PROGRAMS

- 3-week programs (Winter/Spring and Summer)
- 6-week programs (Fall, Winter/Spring, and Summer)
- 11 or 15-week semester (Winter/Spring)

All programs can be extended with the addition of a 1-week field learning course.

For programs with additional flexibility and time abroad, FUA offers an extension option whereby students can study an additional session independently.

For programs with apartment housing, FUA partners with Florence Campus for housing management and maintenance.

Enrichment programs (non-credit) typically range from 1 week to 14 days in length, but offer a greater degree of flexibility and may be run at any time of year for shorter or longer periods.





AREAS OF STUDY AND ACADEMIC CONTENT

- Finance
- Marketing
- Management
- Supply Chain Liberal and Fine Arts
- Digital Media
- Design
- Architecture
- Hospitality
- Food, Sports, and Wine Studies

FLORENCE-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

- Nursing and Pre-Med
- Health Science
- STEM
- IT and Cybersecurity
- Fashion Design and Business

The academic component of the Program will depend on the curriculum needs of the home institution and on the program type (for-credit or non-credit). Programs may include, but are not limited to: for-credit courses, including experiential learning, field learning and/or service learning courses; customized or group enrichment lessons (non-credit), and educational field learning activities.

FUA offers a wide selection of course options depending on the background, session and program duration.

CINQUE TERRE-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

- Mediterranean and Wellness Studies
- Writing and Poetry
- Marine Science
- Environmental Studies and Climate Change
- Engineering

FUA's Special and Faculty-Led Programs Department is always ready to provide guidance while designing a program and to suggest specific courses based on interest, department, and session. Students can select from pre-determined course options, or from the entire academic schedule, depending on the objectives of the program.

Enrichment programs select from a range of customized group lessons offered by FUA, educational field learning activities, museum visits, and excursions. More information available online: <http://amateur.apicius.it/>

Housing and Meal Plans

Depending on program type, length, time of year, and budget, housing can be arranged in centrally located hotels, residence-style apartments, or shared rooms in unique accommodation within walking distance (maximum 40 minutes) or a short bus/tram ride to campus facilities.

FUA housing encourages independence and facilitates a cultural experience where students live like a local in their neighborhood, exchanging language, habits, and traditions.

Apartment housing features meal plan units that can be used at FUA dining and spa facilities, while hotel accommodations include daily breakfast. Additional meal units can be added to hotel packages upon request.

Accompanying Faculty and/or chaperones are accommodated in one-bedroom or studio apartment in the city center.



Additional Program Elements

Students and faculty will have full use of all FUA facilities including computer labs and printing facilities, wi-fi internet connection around campus, free use of the library and gym. Additional optional elements include:

- Community Projects / Experiential Learning
- Non-credit activities such as workshops, lectures, and visits
- Meal plan units
- Welcome/farewell aperitivo or dinner
- Airport pick-up and/or drop-off
- Italian cultural and language classes
- International health insurance
- Educational field learning activities
- Museum visits and guided tours

Program Cost

The program cost depends on a number of elements and on the combination of services chosen according to the financial limitations and academic objectives of the institutions. Seasonal tourism demand may also impact the cost.

STUDENT LIFE AND EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

The Student Life and Development Department provides comprehensive support services, including health and counseling, 24-hour emergency assistance, and a variety of extracurricular activities.

These services are available to all students, including those enrolled in Special and Faculty-Led Programs.

Additionally, the Department facilitates airport pickup, housing check-in, and orientation at the beginning of any program that aligns with academic sessions.