

## CSU IP Italy: Architecture Program CSU Study Center, Florence, Italy

Students who are selected for the Architecture Program in Italy are required to take a prescribed set of courses that total a minimum of 17 semester units each semester.

Below is the academic schedule for the year in Italy:

| Summer (August-October)                          | Units    |  |          |
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| Italian Language (PLP)                           | 5        |  |          |
| ARC 150 Figure Drawing Techniques for Architects | <u>1</u> |  |          |
| Total units                                      | 6        |  |          |
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| Semester 1 (Fall Semester)                       | Units    | Semester 2 (Spring Semester)                 | Units    |
| Italian Language                                 | 3        | Italian Language                             | 3        |
| Italian Conversation and Reading                 | 3        | ARC 402 Architecture Design I                | 5        |
| ARC 401 Architecture Design I                    | 5        | ARC 404 Design or Senior Project I           | 2        |
| ARC 403 Design or Senior Project I               | 2        | ARC 405B Special Lectures on Architectures B | 1        |
| ARC 405A Special Lectures on Architectures A     | 1        | Two electives                                | <u>6</u> |
| One elective                                     | <u>3</u> | Total units                                  | 17       |
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All Italian language courses in the program must be taken for a letter grade.

Course information is listed in the following sections. Unit values are noted in parenthesis.

### Course Coding

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| 100-299 | Lower Division                           |
| 300-499 | Upper Division                           |
| ARC     | Architecture                             |
| ITL     | Italian Language, Literature and Culture |

### CSU Study Center: Summer Courses (Preparatory Language Program – PLP)

Prior to the fall semester, students take an introductory course on figure drawing plus one intensive Italian language course at the appropriate level, which is considered part of the summer term at the CSU. A language exam determines the placement in language classes for students who have had at least one semester of Italian.

#### REQUIRED ARCHITECTURE COURSE

##### **ARC 150 Figure Drawing Techniques for Architects (1)**

This is an introductory drawing course for architecture students only. It emphasizes the process of freehand drawing techniques and the objectives of artistic presentation. Drawing exercises make use of artistic works within the city of Florence. CR/NC grading only.

#### ONE REQUIRED ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE

##### **ITL 101I Intensive Elementary Italian I (5)**

This course offers practice in Italian grammar, reading, pronunciation, writing and conversation. It provides first hand exposure to Italian culture and life through occasional site visits. Intended for students with no previous study of Italian. The equivalent of first semester Italian on CSU campuses.

##### **ITL 102I Intensive Elementary Italian II (5)**

This course is a review of basic Italian grammar and vocabulary. It offers a continuation of the study and practice of Italian grammar, reading, writing and conversation. Intended for students with one semester of previous Italian. Equivalent of second or third semester Italian depending on previous experience.

Students with more study in Italian language may be placed in one of the following courses:

##### **ITL 200I Intensive Italian Review, Grammar and Conversation (5)**

##### **ITL 201I Intensive Intermediate Italian (5)**

##### **ITL 301I Intensive Advanced Italian (5)**

## **CSU Study Center: Academic Year Courses**

During both the fall and spring semesters students will take a prescribed set of Architecture courses, two Italian language classes in the fall, one in the spring, and electives which can be in Architecture or another subject area selected from the following areas: Art History; History and Classics; Italian Language, Literature and Culture; and Social Sciences. Students will be charged out-of-pocket for courses which include site visits.

To access descriptions for all courses offered at the CSU Study Center, refer to the Academic Bulletin for Italy found [here](#). To access syllabi for courses offered in the past, go to <http://www.csufirenze.it/>.

### **REQUIRED ARCHITECTURE COURSES**

#### **ARC 401/402 Architectural Design I/II (5, 5)**

Students work independently or in groups on architectural design projects. Classes meet formally for five hours a week with the chief instructor for discussion and critique. Additional hours are added for lab work. Evaluation is continuous; no examinations are required, but midterm and final reviews are mandatory. Includes field trips and site visits. Site visits may require out of pocket expenses. ARC 401 is taken in fall. ARC 402 is taken in spring.

#### **ARC 403/404 Design or Senior Project I (2, 2)**

Under the guidance of a program instructor, students develop architectural design projects, individually or in group. In addition to formal class time, all students are expected to work independently at least 90 hours per semester. Project must follow the guidelines established by the student's respective Cal Poly campus. ARC 403 is taken in fall. ARC 404 is taken in spring.

#### **ARC 405A/B Special Lectures on Architecture A (1, 1)**

Lectures will offer an overview of the fundamental theoretical propositions that have informed the architectural discourse in the last decades. The course focuses on key figures, movements, and texts, from the Radical movement originating in Florence in the 1960s to the current debate. ARC 405A is taken in fall. ARC 405B is taken in spring.

### **ARCHITECTURE ELECTIVES**

#### **ARC 406 Florentine Architecture (3)**

After a survey of the Florentine architectural tradition circa 1000-1530, attention focuses on the creation of a Renaissance style. The achievements of Brunelleschi, Alberti, Palladio, Michelangelo, and Leonardo da Vinci are examined in detail. Special attention is also given to the development of important building types, such as the urban palace. Offered in fall.

#### **ARC 410 Etruscan and Roman Architecture (3)**

This course focuses on Etruscan and Roman architecture with site visits to principal monuments of ancient Etruria and Rome. After a brief historical introduction, it examines Etruscan architecture: town planning, domestic and religious buildings, cemeteries and funerary architecture. It examines Etruscan techniques, materials, decorations and influences on Roman architecture plus the development of Roman architecture, techniques, materials and methods from Etruscan Rome through the Republic, the Age of Augustus, and the Empire. Offered in the spring. Fees charged for site visits.

### **REQUIRED ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES**

In the fall, students are required to take ITL 102, 201 or 302 plus ITL 125, 225 or 325 for a total of six units.

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| <b>ITL 102</b> | <b>Elementary Italian II (3)</b>   |
| <b>ITL 201</b> | <b>Intermediate Italian I (3)</b>  |
| <b>ITL 202</b> | <b>Intermediate Italian II (3)</b> |
| <b>ITL 302</b> | <b>Advanced Italian II (3)</b>     |

ITL 102, 201, 202 and 302 focus on grammar, vocabulary and expressions with increasing difficulty with each level.

**ITL 125/225/325 Italian Conversation and Reading (3).** This course supplements regular Italian grammar classes. It focuses on reading and comprehension of written publications, and viewing and discussion of Italian movies. The focus will be on art, literature, cinema, and cultural and sociological aspects.

In the spring, students are required to take ITL 201, 202, 301 or 330 which follows the course taken in the fall.

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| <b>ITL 201</b> | <b>Intermediate Italian I (3)</b>                        |
| <b>ITL 202</b> | <b>Intermediate Italian II (3)</b>                       |
| <b>ITL 301</b> | <b>Advanced Italian I (3)</b>                            |
| <b>ITL 330</b> | <b>Advanced Syntax, Grammar, and Lexical Studies (3)</b> |

### **ELECTIVE COURSES**

Students are required to select elective courses during their year abroad to bring the total number of units to 17 CSU semester units. To access course descriptions for electives, refer to the Academic Bulletin for Italy found [here](#).