

Academic Bulletin for Italy: 2016-17

Introduction

The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) "catalog" and provides academic information about the programs in Italy.

IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the two listed below.

- Academic Planning, Crediting and Reporting. This publication contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your year abroad.
- Academic Policies. This publication contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Minimum/Maximum Unit Load in a Semester, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option and Course Withdrawals.

To access the above publications, go to our website [here](#) and click on the year that pertains to your year abroad. For general information about the programs in Italy, refer to the IP website under "Programs".

Academic Program Information

The International Programs in Italy is located in Florence where it operates its own study center known as the CSU Study Center, offering coursework exclusively for CSU students.

After an eight-week summer course of preparatory language training which begins in August, students enroll in one of academic programs listed below.

CSU IP: Florence-General Program. Students take courses (conducted primarily in English) at CSU Study Center in Florence in Art History, History and Classics, and Political Science. In addition to taking Italian language each term, students also take plus one lecture course taught in Italian in the spring selected from the following list of courses: ART 404 (Italian High Renaissance Art); HCL 410 (Latin Literature in Translation); ITL 340 (Italian Cinema); and SSC 303 (Political History of Modern Europe). For detailed program requirements and course information, click [here](#). Also refer to the following sections for complete information about the program in Italy.

CSU IP: Architecture Program. Students take a prescribed set of courses in Italian language and Architecture courses in the summer, fall and spring. Required courses are supplemented by elective courses either in Architecture or another area at the CSU Study Center. For detailed program requirements and course information, click [here](#). Also refer to the following sections for complete information about the program in Italy.

CSU IP: Italian Studies Program. In the first semester, students combine their study of the Italian language with courses in English. In the second semester, students enroll only in courses conducted in Italian including the required capstone course, Italian 352, for a total of 15 units. For detailed program requirements and course information, click [here](#). Also refer to the following sections for complete information about the program in Italy.

CSU IP: Studio Art Program. Students take courses at the CSU Study Center as well as the *Accademia di Belle Arti di Firenze* and/or the *Scuola del Nudo*. For detailed program requirements and course information, click [here](#). Also refer to the following sections for complete information about the program in Italy.

Students with advanced Italian language skills may enroll in one course or more at the University of Florence, supplemented with courses at the CSU Study Center. Students must have completed at least two years of college level Italian prior to their arrival in Italy or they must demonstrate appropriate fluency in Italian.

All students, regardless of what options and concentrations they are enrolled in, are required to take:

- Intensive Italian language (Preparatory Language Program) from August to October;
- Six units of Italian language in the fall, three units of Italian language in the spring;
- Courses in their specific academic track and electives to total a minimum of 15 CSU units each semester (but no more than 19 units per semester, unless approved by the CSU IP Office).

Italian language courses are taught in Italian and issued letter grades only.

To access additional information about the CSU Florence program including syllabi for courses offered in the past, go to <http://www.csufirenze.it/>.

Assessment, Grading and Units

The grading system at the CSU Study Center in Florence is comparable to the grading scale used at the CSU as follows:

CSU Study Center Grade	CSU Grade
A+, A	A
A-	A-
B+	B+
B	B
B-	B-
C+	C+
C	C
C-	C-
D+	D+
D	D
D-	D-
F	F

Unit Conversion Guidelines

For every credit earned at CSU Study Center, an IP student earns one CSU semester unit. To convert the value of CSU semester units into CSU quarter units, multiply the CSU semester units by 1.5.

CSU Study Center: Summer Courses

All International Programs students take an intensive Italian language course at the appropriate level. Italian language courses are taught in Italian.

Architecture students also enroll in a course on drawing to supplement their architectural drawing.

Studio art students are prepared for the entrance exam at the Accademia di Belle Arti and the Scuola del Nudo during the summer. Students who do not pass the Accademia di Belle Arti or Scuola del Nudo exams must plan to follow an alternate academic plan during the fall and spring semesters.

Unit values are noted in parenthesis.

Course Coding

100-299 Lower Division
300-499 Upper Division

ARC Architecture
ITL Italian Language, Literature and Culture

ARC 150 Drawing Techniques for Architects (1)

This is an introductory drawing course required of and offered to 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.

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.

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

This course is a review of elementary Italian grammar and vocabulary. It offers a continuation of the study and practice of Italian grammar, reading, writing and conversation. Intended as an intensive review for students with two semesters or more of previous Italian, who do not place in ITL 201I or 301I.

ITL 201I Intensive Intermediate Italian (5)

This course is a continued study and practice of Italian grammar and vocabulary. It is intended for students with two or three semesters of previous Italian, depending on placement exam results. It is the equivalent of third or

fourth semester Italian depending on previous experience. May be offered in conjunction with Italian 301I.

ITL 301I Intensive Advanced Italian (5)

This course is a review of grammatical principles with regular exercises and compositions for the development of increased mastery of the Italian language. It is intended for students with two years or more of Italian. May be offered in conjunction with ITL 201I.

CSU Study Center: Academic Year Courses

A complete course listing with course descriptions is provided below. Unit values are noted in parenthesis. Spring semester courses marked which are taught in Italian can be taken by students who have completed at least two semesters of Italian (or the equivalent of ITL 102). Site visits are included in many courses offered below and students are charged for these site visits.

Course Coding

100-299 Lower Division
300-499 Upper Division

ARC Architecture
ART Art and Art History
HCL History and Classics
ITL Italian Language, Literature and Culture
SSC Social Sciences

To access syllabi for courses offered in the past, go to <http://www.csufirenze.it/>.

To access a course listing by semester click [here](#).

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ARCHITECTURE (ARC)

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

Students work independently or in groups on assigned problems in architectural design. 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 final critique presentations are mandatory. Includes field trips and site visits. Fees charged for site visits. 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 individual design projects. 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. For ARC 404, critiques are conducted in Italian. ARC 403 is taken in fall. ARC 404 is taken in spring.

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

Lectures on such topics as architectural aesthetics, trends in contemporary architecture, rural architecture in central Italy, radicals versus neorationalists in architecture, absence and presence—a critical hypothesis for architecture, Terragni and Italian rationalism, and professional practice in Italy. ARC 405A is taken in fall. ARC 405B is taken in spring.

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 devel-

opment of important building types, such as the urban palace. Offered in fall semester. (Also offered as ART 406 for non-Architecture students.)

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, the course examines Etruscan architecture: town planning, domestic and religious buildings, cemeteries and funerary architecture. It examines Etruscan techniques, materials, decorations and influences on Roman architecture. The course also examines the development of Roman architecture, techniques, materials and methods from Etruscan Rome through the Republic, the Age of Augustus, and the Empire, including the architecture of the provinces. Offered in the spring semester. Fees charged for site visits. (Also offered as HCL 405 for non-Architecture students.)

ART AND ART HISTORY (ART)

ART 390 Independent Study in Studio Art (3)

Open only to studio art students by special permission from the Resident Director and the Studio Art Coordinator. Subject to availability.

ART 402 Medieval Art in Italy (3)

This course surveys Italian medieval art from 4th to 14th centuries. It focuses on the historical and cultural context of the works as well as in-depth knowledge of outstanding monuments of central Italian medieval art through on-site study. It includes visits to medieval monuments in Florence and its area, as well as field trips and site visits to Ravenna, Assisi, Bologna, Pisa, Rome and Lucca. Fees charged for site visits. Offered in spring semester.

ART 403 Early Renaissance Art in Italy (3)

This course offers a general survey of the development of Italian art, particularly Tuscan art, from the dawn of the Renaissance circa 1300 in the art of Giotto to its full flowering in the mid 1400s. Fees charged for site visits. Offered in fall.

ART 404 Italian High Renaissance Art (3)

This course offers a survey of Italian art in the period circa 1470-1530, concentrating on the High Renaissance and its genesis in the major centers of Florence, Rome and Northern Italy. The achievements of Leonardo, Raphael and Michelangelo are examined in detail. **Taught in Italian.** Fees charged for site visits. Offered in spring.

ART 405 Italian Mannerist and Baroque Art (3)

Survey of Italian Mannerist and Baroque art circa 1520-1680. It begins with the anti-classical early Mannerist style, examined in the context of political and religious crises and next covers the Baroque as it developed in reaction to the artificiality of late Mannerism. The course concludes with the High Baroque focused in Rome, where the style arose largely through Bernini and the patronage of the Church. It includes on-site lectures in Florence and site visits to Bologna and Rome. Fees charged for site visits. Offered in fall.

ART 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. (Also offered as ARC 406 for Architecture students.)

ART 407 Museum Studies: The Uffizi and Florence (3)

This course analyzes the way in which a major museum works and considers its place in the social and artistic fabric of the city of Florence. The course features site visits to the Uffizi's collections, some of which are open to the public and others not, as well as selected other Florentine museums. The course analyzes museum's choices in displaying a collection, restoration activities, pedagogic activities and cataloguing. It also examines the presentation of special shows and the importance of the museum in the life of the city. Some fees charged for site visits. Offered in fall.

ART 410 20th Century Italian Art (3)

The first section of this course surveys major Italian artists and movements in 20th Century Italy, compared to those of Europe and America: Futurism, metaphysical art, the informal in the postwar years, Arte Povera and Transavanguardia. The second section focuses on contemporary art in Florence and the magnetic power of Tuscany on artists from around the world and their influence on the region. Includes occasional site visits. Fees charged for site visits. Offered in spring.

HISTORY AND CLASSICS (HCL)

HCL 302 Classical Mythology and Religion (3)

This course studies the religious systems and myths of ancient Greek, Roman and Etruscan cultures which have provided background for Western literary and cultural traditions for centuries. Focuses on mythology and religion in ancient Rome, and the use of myth in Roman literature such as Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. Most literature used in the course is in translation. Offered in fall.

HCL 401 History of Ancient Rome: The Republic (3)

This course examines the political and social history of ancient Rome from its legendary origins to the outbreak of the Civil War in 49 BCE. The course covers major institutions and prominent figures of the Republic. Students read excerpts from major republican authors such as Sallust and Cicero and imperial historians of the Republic such as Livy. Offered in fall.

HCL 402 History of Ancient Rome: The Empire (3)

This course studies the political and social history of ancient Rome from the time of Julius Caesar through the barbarian invasions to the time of Justinian. It examines the major institutions and prominent figures of the Roman Empire. Students read excerpts from major authors of the period such as Suetonius and Tacitus. Offered in spring.

HCL 405 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. It also examines the development of Roman architecture, techniques, materials and methods from Etruscan Rome through the Republic, the Age of Augustus, and the Empire, including the architecture of the provinces. Offered in spring. Fees charged for site visits. (Also offered as ARC 410 for Architecture students.)

HCL 410 Latin Literature in Translation (3)

Literary works of the ancient Romans in translation. Focuses on major authors from Plautus to Augustine. **Taught in Italian.** Offered in spring.

HCL 450 Etruscology (3)

This course studies the civilization of the ancient Etruscans as revealed by the archaeological evidence of famous sites and on-going digs in central Italy. It considers the relation of the archaeological evidence to the literary and legendary evidence. The course draws upon the basic methodology and principals of archaeology. Offered in the fall semester.

REQUIRED ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES (ITL)

In the fall semester, students are required to take ITL 102, 201, 202 or 302 plus ITL 125, 225 or 325 for a total of six units. Italian language courses below are taught in Italian.

ITL 102 Elementary Italian II (3)

A continuation of ITL 101 from the PLP to complete basic Italian grammar. Vocabulary building and study of idiomatic expressions. Class discussions and periodic oral reports. Equivalent of second semester Italian on most CSU campuses. Offered in fall.

ITL 201 Intermediate Italian I (3)

Continuation of ITL 101 and 102 or 200I. Equivalent of third semester Italian on most CSU campuses. Offered in fall and spring.

ITL 202 Intermediate Italian II (3)

Continuation of ITL 201. Equivalent of fourth semester Italian on most CSU campuses. Offered in fall and spring semesters.

ITL 302 Advanced Italian II (3)

Continuation of ITL 301I. Study of advanced grammar. Includes readings for comprehension of complex passages and translations as well as oral reports and written compositions. Offered in fall.

ITL 125/225/325 Italian Conversation and Reading (3)

This course supplements regular Italian grammar classes. It focuses on reading and comprehension of short stories, passages, newspapers and magazine articles, creative writing, viewing and discussion of Italian movies. The focus will be on art, literature, cinema, and cultural and sociological aspects

In the spring semester, students are required to take ITL 201, 202, 301 or 330 which follows the course taken in the fall. Italian language courses below are taught in Italian.

ITL 201 Intermediate Italian I (3)

Continuation of ITL 101I and 102 or 200I. Equivalent of third semester Italian on most CSU campuses. Offered in fall and spring.

ITL 301 Advanced Italian I (3)

Continuation of ITL 202. Vocabulary development and complex grammatical constructions. Translation of newspapers, magazines, films and books. Offered in spring.

ITL 330 Advanced Syntax, Grammar and Lexical Studies (3)

Continuation of ITL 302. In depth study of Italian syntax and stylistics. Vocabulary development. Designed to develop deeper knowledge of various linguistic areas and usages through composition, translation, and study of Italian texts from literature, films, essays and literary textual analysis. Offered in spring.

ITALIAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE COURSES (ITL)

ITL 340 Italian Cinema (3)

This course analyzes significant Italian films from World War II to the present in order to analyze the complex relationship between cinema and society. Its topics include the representation of "power cinema," censorship, violence in film, and the moral and ideological responsibility of cinema. Several films are viewed and discussed. **Taught in Italian.** Offered in spring.

ITL 342 Italian Opera as Drama (3)

This course examines the invention of opera as an art form in Florence and its principle stages of development in Italy. Selected operas by major composers, especially Rossini, Bellini, Donizetti, Verdi and Puccini are studied. The course focuses on the relation of the text and the literary background to the music and production values. Attendance at one or more locally produced operas is required. Offered in fall.

ITL 350 Italian Literature I, 1100-1600 (3)

This course analyzes Italian poetry and prose from its medieval origins through the Renaissance and 16th century, focusing on its social and historical context. Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio, Ariosto, Machiavelli, Michelangelo and Tasso are highlighted. The influence of major Italian writers on English and other literatures is also examined. Offered in fall.

ITL 351 Italian Literature II, 1600-1900 (3)

This course analyzes Italian poetry and prose from approximately the Counter-Reformation to the early 20th

century as seen in its social and historical context. Major authors and movements such as Bruno, Galileo, the Arcadians, Basile, Vico, Goldoni, Alfieri, Foscolo, Leopardi, Manzoni, Pascoli, and Verga are studied. The course also considers the relation of Italian literature to literature in England, France and Germany in this period. Offered in spring.

ITL 352 Twentieth Century Italian Authors (3)

This course explores the emergence of the Italian identity through literature between 1900-1985. It looks at contemporary Italian novelists and how their works have defined Italian cultural and literary identity. Emphasis is given to important cultural debates in European literature highlighting the dialogue between Italian traditions and avant-garde perspectives. Introduces students to several women writers and poets and investigates gender issues in contemporary Italian literature. Analyzes various language styles and writing techniques of the works discussed to enhance students' critical competence, language comprehension, and fluency. It requires regular written essays and in-class oral presentations. **Taught in Italian.** Offered in spring. Capstone course for the Italian Studies Program.

ITL 410 Dante's Divine Comedy (3)

This course offers an intensive study of Dante's masterpiece, with special emphasis on his relation to Florentine history. It also considers translation problems and Dante's influence on later writers and filmmakers. Offered in spring semester.

ITL 412 The Idea of Italy in Literature and Film (3)

Literary texts and films based in Italy or with Italian themes and settings. Explores the evolving notion of Italy as an idea in the work of non-Italian authors and filmmakers, particularly English and American writers and directors. Topics may vary and might include the Gothic novel or current romanticized versions of life in Tuscany. Offered in fall semester.

SOCIAL SCIENCES (SSC)

SSC 301 History of the Italian Renaissance (3)

This course offers a survey of Italian history from the age of Dante to the Counter-Reformation. It provides a basic understanding of the forces and processes that shaped the states and the societies of the peninsula in an era of extraordinary changes. It covers the main social, political, and economic phenomena and the principal cultural movements that shaped the country's history. Offered in fall semester.

SSC 303 Political History of Modern Europe (3)

This course examines European history during the 19th and 20th centuries. It studies the political and economic conditions leading to WWI and WWII, as well as the development and evolution of modern European ideas, intellect and culture. **Taught in Italian.** Offered in spring.

SSC 310 European Political Systems (3)

This course provides the conceptual tools and the factual knowledge necessary for understanding political systems in western European democracies. Covers the historical determinants of Europe's societal structure as a frame of reference for the study of Europe's dominant governmental models and the development of European political parties and systems. Focuses on the political systems of the UK, France and Germany, and comparisons with the US model. Offered in fall.

SSC 401 Italian Politics and Society (3)

This course provides students with the conceptual tools and the knowledge necessary for understanding the Italian political system. It covers the major historical determinants of Italy's economic and institutional structure, as well as the major political actors and institutions, its parliamentary system, elections, national and regional governments, EU membership, political parties and interest groups. Offered in spring.

SSC 402 Major Political Thinkers: Machiavelli (3)

Based on the reading of his masterpiece, *The Prince*, and on selected readings from *The Discourses on the First Decade by Titus Livy*, the aim of this course is a full understanding of Machiavelli's political thought using a direct, critical approach to primary sources. Particular attention is paid to Machiavelli's cultural formation based on the classics, and to the Florentine and Italian historical context. Offered in fall.

SSC 410 The European Union (3)

This course covers the main EU institutions: the Commission, the Parliament, the Council and the Court of Justice. It provides a historical overview and theoretical concepts

of the integration process and important EU policies. It also examines the place of the EU in the world, in particular relations with the US and countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Offered in spring.

SSC 499 Internship (3)

This internship is available with the Regional Council of Tuscany (Regione Toscana - Consiglio or Giunta) for students who have an advanced proficiency in the Italian language. Students interested in this internship should consult their advisors regarding home campus credits and requirements BEFORE the academic year begins. Upon arrival in Italy, they must inform the Resident Director immediately of their desire to participate in this internship. This internship requires approximately 46 hours per semester, awards 3 units of credit and is graded on a CR/NC basis. Students who are accepted for this internship must purchase a special insurance policy in Italy, which is in addition to the CSU group policy. Interns will be required to submit a written component and will have both an internship supervisor and an academic supervisor. Failure to complete any component may result in failing the internship course. See "Internships" in the Academic Policies publication.

University of Florence Courses

CSU students who have an excellent command of spoken and written Italian and who have completed the required paperwork at the Italian Consulate before departure may enroll in the corsi singoli at the Università degli Studi di Firenze. Most courses run for a semester and meet usually from four to six hours per week for lectures. Each of these corsi singoli usually receives at least six units of credit per semester. Students normally take only one or two corsi singoli per year in addition to courses at the CSU Study Center.

In addition to attending lectures in Italian, students must complete all class requirements in Italian, write papers, do extensive readings, make oral presentations, and take a rigorous, oral final examination before a board of two or more professors who question them on all readings and lectures. Grades are based on the final examination and on consideration of the quality of the oral presentations and other assignments. The calendar for University courses is different from that of the IP study center. Spring semester courses may not end until June, and completion of the final examination in June or in some cases July, is mandatory for IP students.

Students with advanced competency in Italian who wish to attend classes at the University of Florence must follow the procedures by the CSU IP Office and the Italian Consulate before departure. Paperwork required by the Consulate must be completed at the Consulate before departure.

Most students who enroll at the University of Florence will take courses offered by the Department of Literature and Philosophy, the Department of Political Science, or the Department of Economics. Some of the University's departments have moved to the outskirts of Florence. Public transportation is available for students who take corsi singoli offered outside of the city center.

Specific content of the courses varies from year to year. Below is a sample list of courses that may be offered.

Anthropology
Archaeology and History of Greek and Roman Art
Contemporary History
Comparative Literature
Economic History
Education
English Literature
Geography
History and Criticism of Cinema
History of Architecture
History of Contemporary Art
History of Contemporary Europe
History of Medieval Art
History of Modern Art
History of Modern and Contemporary Music
History of Theatre
History of the Italian Language

Humanistic Literature
Italian Literature
Italian Renaissance Literature
Italian Theatrical Literature
Modern History
Modern and Contemporary Italian Literature
North American Literature
Philosophy
Renaissance History
Romance Philology
Psychology
Sociology