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with
Gonzaga-in-Florence



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summer 2009

GIF summer 2009

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Expand your global perspective. Spend a summer with GIF and be inspired by the people, cultures, languages, and histories of places in Florence and beyond.

- explore Italy and beyond
- observe other cultures
- develop your total self



“The GIF program changed my life. The well-established program, rich in tradition and a culture all its own, offers things that cannot be learned in any classroom. It is just one of the many things that makes Gonzaga an incredible place to get a world class education.”

Jason Koch, Gonzaga University

Why study in Florence?

To the Gonzaga-in-Florence student, Italy is much more than a boot-shaped peninsula in the Mediterranean; it is an opportunity of a lifetime. In 1963, Gonzaga University, a Jesuit institution located in Spokane, Washington, developed a program in Florence, Italy, which was designed to immerse students in both Italian and European life and culture.

Gonzaga chose Florence because the city is central to the past of Italy and to European civilization itself. Capital of the region of Tuscany, Florence inherits the culture of the Etruscans, the mysterious forgotten people who were heirs to the glory of Greece long before there was a Rome. Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, is still considered “the most beautiful city in Europe.”

Florentine museums are crowded with the paintings that transformed European taste in the fifteenth century; her streets are lined with buildings that initiated modern architecture.

Yet, the city is more than a museum piece. It is intensely alive - a center of modern art, fashion, and refinement.

Florence is also central to Italy’s present. It is three hours by train to the region of Lombardy, the humming center of Italy’s economic miracle and a stepping-off place for the ski slopes and lakes of the Alps. It is also three hours to Venice, a city which no photograph can do justice. It is two hours to Rome, capital of Italy and of the Church, where ancient, medieval, and modern culture mingle in every street. It is four hours to Naples, Pompeii, and Mount Vesuvius, the southern region no traveler would want to miss.

Here in Florence, Italy’s center, Gonzaga maintains a campus offering a core of historical, business, cultural, and sociological studies during the year, semester, and summer. These courses are rich and varied in content, but unified by the experience of Italy, past and present.



learn & live with GIF

campus



English Italian Religious Studies Art
Business History Philosophy

academics

challenge your thinking

The GIF program offers courses to challenge, maximize, and enhance your study abroad experience in Florence. Expand your mind as you expand your horizons.

Embrace new cultures and develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

In keeping with our Jesuit ethos, the GIF faculty and staff are committed to academic excellence and offer a liberal arts and business curriculum that enhances the development of the total self. By taking full advantage of the resources in Florence, the faculty challenges students to think critically and to create global awareness. Gonzaga-in-Florence is accredited through Gonzaga University. Students are required to take two courses. For the latest course selection and schedule please visit the GIF website.

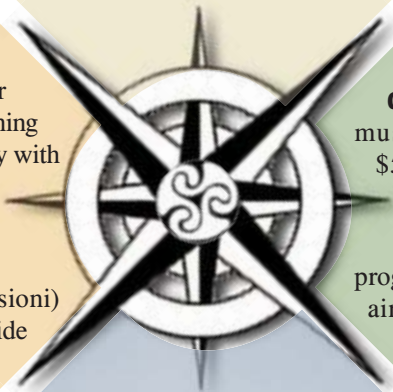
Most courses are taught in English.

the mozilo center

Gonzaga-in-Florence is located in the Mozilo Center not far from the Duomo and looks onto the Giardino dei Semplici, a sixteenth century garden created by the Medici family. It is a few steps from Michelangelo's David housed in the Galleria dell'Accademia. The Mozilo Center provides students with all the facilities required for learning and socializing, including the latest technology, a library with over 10,000 books, student lounge and fitness center.

room and board

Our students live in Italian boarding hotels (pensioni) near the school, run by Italian families who provide good food and safe living conditions. These living arrangements are conducive to learning Italian and to better understand Italian culture and lifestyle. Each pensioni generally accommodates up to twenty-five students. Most of our pensioni are co-ed, although the rooms (double, triple, and quad) are gender specific. Since the majority of the students usually travel during weekends, partial board is included.



Our vision is to develop a holistic component to the travel program that brings into equilibrium students' experiences in the classroom and during their travels.

The success of Gonzaga-in-Florence depends upon both traditional instruction and experiential learning. We aim to provide these elements in a balanced environment that promotes growth as individuals and as a community. In order to achieve these goals, the travel and student life staff organize each trip carefully.

opening tour: The program begins with the Opening Tour in the eternal city of Rome on May 13. We will tour the ancient, medieval, and Renaissance city, including St. Peter's, the Vatican museums, the colosseum and more.

weekend trips: The GIF academic schedule provides opportunity for organized (extra fee) and independent travel. Past weekend trips have included: Cinque Terre, Pisa, Sienna, Milan, Venice, Amalfi Coast.

dates
May 13 - June 27, 2009

program cost
\$8,000*

This preliminary estimated program cost includes tuition, shared room, partial board, Opening Tour, International Student Identity Card, and Italian medical insurance.

deposit: Students admitted to the program must reserve their place with a non-refundable \$500 deposit within two weeks after acceptance. The deposit is applied to the program cost.

additional expenses: In addition to the program fees, other costs include textbooks, round-trip airfare, and participation in optional weekend trips. Individual student habits, independent travel, and currency exchange rates should all be taken into consideration when planning a budget.

* Please note these are preliminary estimated costs and may increase slightly for summer 2009. Inflation and fluctuating exchange rates make it impossible to specify an exact cost at this time. Gonzaga University reserves the right to adjust the program cost.

expand your mind

travel





application

The GIF program is open to all students who meet the admission requirements outlined below.

admission requirements

- 2.5 cumulative GPA (through Spring 2009)
- Freshman standing (or higher) at the time of application
- One academic recommendation
- Student Academic Services and Student Life clearance forms or home school program approval

when to apply

- Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. You are encouraged to apply early as applications are considered on space availability and visa restrictions.
- Non-Gonzaga students: check with your home institution regarding school specific deadlines.

application instructions

For Gonzaga University students:

1. Application form (download a copy from the website)
2. \$50 non-refundable application fee (payable to Gonzaga U)
3. Academic Services clearance form
4. Student Life clearance form
5. One academic recommendation
6. Return application and fee to the Study Abroad Office, 323 E. Boone Avenue or AD Box 85.

For Non-Gonzaga University students:

1. Application form (download a copy from the website or contact the Study Abroad Office)
2. \$50 non-refundable application fee (payable to Gonzaga U)
3. Official transcript
4. Program approval form
5. One academic recommendation
6. Mail to: Study Abroad, Gonzaga University, 502 E. Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA 99258-0085

passport and visa

A student visa is required for study in Italy. To apply for a visa you must have a passport that is valid for three months beyond your stay in Europe. Do not plan to use your passport 90 days prior to departure to allow for visa processing. Detailed instructions will be provided by the Gonzaga Study Abroad office. If you do not have a passport or your passport will expire, apply for one now.

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