

MEREDITH ABROAD IN ITALY SPRING & SUMMER 2025

EDUCATION IN ITALY



"I would describe studying abroad in Italy as one of the best and most enriching experiences of my life. The people I met and the schools I visited I couldn't have encountered at home. I think the most meaningful was getting to speak Italian and learning about what Italian teachers do for students...I'll never regret seeing the world through someone else's eyes and language. The culture can really only begin to be understood once it's right in front of you." - Amirah Clark, Summer 2023

Dates

On-campus course at Meredith: Spring 2025 semester, meets weekly on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:50 p.m.

International travel to Italy: May 11 - May 25, 2025

Locations

This program takes place in the heart of Tuscany, at Meredith College's Italian home in Sansepolcro. The program includes excursions to Anghiari, Arezzo, Florence, and Rome, as well as visits with educators and students in Italian schools. The program also includes an independent travel weekend.

Course

EDU 170: Education in a Global Context

1 credit, requires Spring 2025 course registration

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Eligibility

This program is limited to 14 students and is only open to current Teaching Scholars or students formally admitted to the Education Department. Priority given to students in the Class of 2025 or 2026, as students from other classes will have the opportunity to participate in 2027.

Program Cost

\$1,900 (see reverse for budget)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Additional funding is available, including scholarships for students studying abroad in Sansepolcro! Register for a Funding Workshop at <https://meredith.edu/oip>.

How to Apply

Visit <https://meredith.edu/oip> for application materials.

Application and scholarship deadline: October 15, 2024.

Health Protocols

The Office of International Programs strongly recommends all participants arrive up to date on COVID-19 and flu vaccines. The OIP will continue to implement health and safety mitigation and response measures in faculty-led programs.

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Program Overview

The program is based in Sansepolcro, Italy, a small Tuscan town about halfway between Florence and Rome, in the heart of the Tuscan province of Arezzo. Within its 16th-century walls, Sansepolcro contains numerous ancient and beautiful buildings, such as palaces, churches, museums, hotels, restaurants, and shops. Sansepolcro provides an opportunity to experience an authentic Italian life. It is a wonderful, comfortable, friendly, and safe place to live and study.



You will participate in what has come to be called “*la bella vita*” and learn about Tuscan culture from the Middle Ages to today. You will also meet with educators and students in Italian schools in Sansepolcro and neighboring towns. Group excursions include Anghiari, Arezzo, Florence, and two nights in and around Rome. Students will also have one weekend break while in Italy to travel independently!

In addition to the 14-day program in Italy, students will participate in a 1 credit hour course in the Spring 2025 semester. This course is mandatory and meets from 4:00 - 4:50 p.m. on Wednesdays.



Finances

Program Cost (includes):	\$ 1,900
\$100 non-refundable application deposit	
Tuition for 1 Meredith College credit	
Accommodations in Italy	
Weekday breakfasts and lunches	
Academic excursions	
On-site support from Meredith faculty	
Pre-departure orientation and resources	
Additional Estimated Expenses:	
Round-trip airfare	\$ 2,000
Passport—if applicable	\$ 165
International health insurance	\$ 55
International cell phone plan	\$ 50
Independent travel & personal spending money	\$ 500
Note: Estimates are based on previous student reports. Your spending habits may differ. Sign up for a Study Abroad Funding Workshop at https://meredith.edu/oip .	
Scholarship Deadline: October 15, 2024. Apply for scholarships within your program application.	

Academics

Course & Credit	Description	How does this count at Meredith?
EDU 170: Education in a Global Context 1 credit	During this course, students will study the education system in Italy as well the larger culture of Italy that informs the educational context. Students will also discuss Montessori and vocational education as they relate to the more general approaches to schooling. The seminar will enable students to further critically examine their assumptions regarding school and schooling, building upon previous coursework in EDU 232, 234, and methods classes. Through course readings, special trips, guest speakers, and travel to Sansepolcro, Italy, students will see a different perspective on education. We will have school visits, meetings with teachers and families, and experiences within the city of Sansepolcro to help us understand education from this perspective. Course meetings prior to departure will also focus on preparation for the program and all that we will experience in-country.	Global Perspectives Eligible students: Current Teaching Scholars or students formally admitted to the Education Department

Meredith College Office of International Programs reserves the right to make changes to the program itinerary, program capacity limits, schedule, cost, academic program, etc., as necessary.