



MEREDITH ABROAD IN ITALY SPRING 2025

I/O PSYCHOLOGY

INTERCULTURAL CONSULTING WITH COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



Dates

April 29 - May 10, 2025

Locations

Based in the heart of Tuscany, in Sansepolcro, Italy. Group excursions include a two-day trip to Florence or Rome, in addition to local day trips to Anghiari and surrounding regions. See reverse for program description, budget, and curriculum.

Academics

PSYG 614: Intercultural Consulting with Communities and Organizations, 3 credits, fulfills I/O program elective

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How to Apply & Scholarship Funding

Visit <https://meredith.edu/oip> for program application and scholarship application.

**Deadline to apply for program AND scholarships:
November 15, 2024**

WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- To fulfill your three-credit elective and get a jump on second year requirements
- To gain cross-cultural confidence and understanding
- To make real connections to what you study and experience in the classroom
- To acquire consulting and travel skills that employers find desirable

Program Cost

\$2,950 (see reverse for full budget)

Student Voices

"I am so grateful that I got to experience this program with some of the most amazing friends, as our cohort is very close-knit! I think other Meredith students should consider studying abroad as it is an incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in a different culture as you expand your understanding of your field of study and yourself."
-Taylor Berry, Summer 2023

Health Protocols

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

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Program Overview

Intercultural Consulting with Communities and Organizations is a 10-day program conducted in the picturesque Tuscany region of Italy. During this intensive elective, you will develop intercultural relationship-building skills and proficiency in community and organizational consulting through interactions with local business owners and community leaders.

Our journey will begin in Sansepolcro, Italy, a small medieval walled town located in the heart of Tuscany about halfway between Florence and Rome. You will spend time among the many rustic and ancient buildings of Sansepolcro, truly gaining a sense of what it is like to live in this exquisite country.

While in Sansepolcro and surrounding communities, you will interact with Meredith's established network of community partners, learning about industries at the heart of the Italian economy, such as wine and olive oil production, agritourism, textile manufacturing, and hospitality. Through these relationships, you will grow to understand not only the businesses that fuel the Italian economy but come to know the people who make the Tuscan region such an extraordinary place. The program will conclude in Florence, or Rome, where you will see the integration of various influences into the Italian culture and economy.

As a future I/O professional, this program will provide you with invaluable experience in how to prepare for and conduct in-country site visits, as well as prepare consulting reports which will be shared back with our Italian partners. In other words, you will be participating in real intercultural consulting. Through this scaffolded program, you will gain cultural awareness and applied skills that can only be obtained through travel, application, and immersion.

Finances

Program Cost (includes):	\$ 2,950
Application deposit of \$100	
Fulfillment of three credit hour elective requirement	
Accommodations in Italy	
Weekday breakfasts and lunches	
Academic excursions to Florence or Rome, Anghiari, vineyard, olive farm, and more	
On-site support from Meredith faculty	
Additional Estimated Expenses:	
Round-trip airfare	\$ 2,000
Passport—if applicable + \$10 ETIAS visa	\$ 175
International health insurance	\$ 55
International cell phone coverage	\$ 50
Independent travel & personal spending money	\$ 500-1,000
Note: Estimates are based on previous student reports. Your spending habits may differ.	



Academics

<i>Course & Credit</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>How does this</i>
PSY 614: Intercultural Consulting with Communities and Organizations 3 credits	The course is meant to give students hands-on experience with community and organizational consulting in another country. There will be a particular focus on gaining the intercultural and professional skills students will need when interacting with clients in diverse professional contexts. Students will gain an understanding of how national and cultural similarities and differences affect how one assesses and tackles organizational challenges. Through pre-departure readings and assignments, students will prepare pre-capture/desk study analyses and focus questions in preparation for site visits in-country. In-country assignments will be context-based and interactive. The format will include interviews, meetings with organizational leaders, excursions, and site visits with established community partners.	I/O program elective

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.