At first, Perugia looks like the many hilltop towns of central Italy. It sits high atop a hill flecked with charming pink and yellow roofs, encircled by ancient and medieval walls. But this is a place where magic meets modernity. And though the city has preserved its Etruscan walls, centuries-old churches, winding cobblestone streets, and an impressive smattering of Renaissance and Baroque architecture, it is also a vibrant modern city. Corso Vannucci, the main thoroughfare, hums with energy from restaurants, jazz cafes, piano bars, theatres, pubs, museums, and art exhibits. Today’s Perugia offers an enchanting blend of ancient allure and modern vigor, breathtaking vistas paired with the pleasant bustle of a university town.

Nicknamed the “University City,” Perugia boasts a thriving international student scene. Each year, thousands of Italian and international students flock to the city to attend the Università per Stranieri di Perugia and the many studio and performing arts schools in the area. Unlike the more popular tourist destinations, Italian is heard on every street corner and in every shop, making the city a gem for language students seeking a truly immersive experience. Every night, students gather on the steps of the duomo to eat, drink, and make merry. Part of living in Perugia is about being swept up in the city’s boisterous energy every time you step outside.

In other Italian cities, you’re a tourist. A visitor. An outsider. In Perugia, you became one of the locals. You speak the language and eat the food. The city is both your classroom and your playground, offering a one-of-a-kind study abroad experience.

This isn’t just a “study” abroad experience. It’s a “life” abroad experience. (Info from Umbria Institute)
Typical Comments from students 
Attending Summer programs

It's been exactly three weeks since I arrived to Perugia, and a lot has happened. I love Perugia!!! I don't want to leave! In fact, I'm extending my stay. I'm going to stay at least one month longer (maybe a month and a half) and will take a more advanced Italian class;

Perugia is beautiful! There is a panoramic view just about anywhere you go. I enjoy exploring the hilly streets of the medieval city with my friends; there's always something to discover. It's a small city, which means that I often bump into people that I know while walking around; it's truly amazing;

I had a great time in Perugia. I can't wait to go back. I loved the book, food and trip vouchers;

This program is extremely well run and coordinated. I appreciate so very much all the work the staff at Stranieri and the staff here at QC did to make this possible. It's an invaluable experience that every student should have;

I love this program I wish I could go again in this program. This has been one of the most beautiful experiences in my life;

Overall this program was great and exceeded my expectations. In one month I learned so much Italian and I feel I can now really communicate in Italian. I also learned a lot about the culture, so I did accomplish my purpose of the trip. I also enjoyed my time there so much! Now I also have new friends in Italy. Thank you so much for allowing me to participate in this program, if there is anything I can do to help with the program please let me know. Thank you!

Application is available at Education Abroad Website: www.qc.cuny.edu/studyabroad

Application Deadline: April 1, 2020

Program Dates:

Session 1
Monday, June 1st Arrival in Perugia
Tuesday, June 2nd National Holiday
Wednesday, June 3rd Welcoming, Orientation
Thursday, June 4th Placement test, Enrollment; Guided tour - Perugia
TBD 7:30 PM Welcome Dinner
Session 1 Classes begin Two-day historical city trip (student selects city/date)

Monday, June 15th Mid-term exam*
Friday, June 26th Final exam*
Monday, June 29th Pizza Dinner*
Tuesday, June 30th Session 1 ends

Session 2
Wednesday, July 1st Arrival in Perugia
Thursday, July 2nd Guided tour - Perugia,
7:30 PM Welcome Dinner
Welcoming, Orientation
Placement test

Friday, July 3rd Session 2 Classes begin
TBD Two-day historical city trip (student selects city/date)

Wednesday, July 15th Mid-term exam*
Tuesday, July 28th Final exam *
Wednesday, July 29th Pizza Dinner*
Friday, July 31st Session 2 classes end

(*Note: Dates/activity may vary)

Program Costs for Matriculated CUNY Students

Program 1: $2290 (6 credits)
Second Continuous Session: $1890 (6 credits)
Program 2: $2290 (6 credits)

Cost includes: CUNY tuition; Orientation, placement testing and advisement; Welcome Dinner; Farewell Dinner, Two-day visit to historical site; dinner/lunch vouchers, book voucher; Perugia city tour; cultural activities; insurance; transcript and Application fee.

Additional costs not included – housing, (student housing/dorms are available), airfare, other meals.

*Prices will vary for Non-CUNY, out-of-state, and/or international students

Course Information

The primary goal of this program is the study of Italian language. Student language ability will be evaluated upon arrival in an examination. According to the student’s language ability, the student will be placed in one of the following Italian language courses. Levels A1, A2, B1, B2 courses have 20 hours of lesson per week, and consist of theoretical and practical teaching of grammar, conversation and laboratory practice. Level C1 and C2 have 24 - 27 hours of lesson per week. All courses are taught in Italian by university professors who are experts in their fields.

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