



Travel the World with Queens College THE CUNY/ITALY Exchange Program

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THE CUNY/ITALY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The CUNY/ITALY program is a student exchange between The City University of New York/CUNY and selected Italian Universities. This reciprocal exchange program aims to provide undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in CUNY with a focused core of knowledge and skills in their discipline while enabling them to experience life in Italy at the same tuition cost as a semester at CUNY. In addition, the students will gain a global perspective that helps them to achieve career goals in an increasingly interdependent world.

PARTICIPATING ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Link Campus University in Rome
Università della Calabria (UNICAL)
Università degli Studi "G. d' Annunzio" Chieti-Pescara
Università per Stranieri di Perugia *
Università degli Studi di Siena

* Università per Stranieri di Perugia is the only University that also offers an Intensive Italian Language & Culture Program. Students applying to the Italian Language and Culture Program should have at least one semester of Italian.

HOW TO ENROLL

Students accepted to the exchange program will register at their home campus for a minimum of 12 study abroad credits per semester. The CUNY/ITALY Exchange Program Selection Committee will designate the students to one of the participating Italian Universities. Degree courses are taught in Italian. **Limited graduate courses are taught in English.**

TUITION PAYMENT

Students will be required to register and pay CUNY full time tuition to the Bursar at their home campus at least one month prior to departure. Upon completion of registration, students must send a copy of the approved registration form and the bursar receipt, or a letter to the CUNY/ Italy Exchange Coordinator from the Bursar's Office.

DATES

The academic calendar in Italy does not coincide with the CUNY calendar. The approximately dates are:

Academic Year: September to July

Fall Semester: September to mid-February

* Intensive Italian Language Program in Perugia is the only program available during the Fall Semester ending Dec. 23rd

Spring Semester: February to July



APPLICATION DEADLINES

Academic Year and Fall semester: April 1st

Spring semester: October 1st

STUDENT POINT OF VIEW

"I have been fortunate to have made plenty of Italian friends that encourage and help me to practice speaking Italian. Being surrounded by so much history, culture, and beauty motivates me to keep ahead with my studies, learn more, and become part of the Italian culture. There is nothing to complain about except having to leave Italy once the semester is over"

Vanessa Verduga, Baruch College

"The Academic year helped me to be a more open-minded and well-rounded woman, feel more confident about myself and become a more rigorous student. I hope to infuse my learning and respect for diversity in my future teaching experience"

Joann Vultaggio, Hunter College

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT

The exchange program is open to students who are in good academic standing at their home campus, with a minimum **2.85 GPA**. Applicants must submit a statement of purpose, official transcript, and three letters of recommendation from faculty members or an academic advisor. Students planning to take degree courses must have one letter from a professor of Italian indicating the student's language proficiency in Italian. A **majority** of the courses are taught in Italian, therefore, students must have at least four semesters of Italian or the equivalent, except for the students enrolling in the Intensive Italian Language & Culture Program at the Università per Stranieri di Perugia. **The exchange program requires of students a certain level of maturity and to adapt to new environmental and academic conditions.**

FINANCIAL AID

Students may apply for financial aid directly at their home campus. TAP and Pell grants (based on eligibility) and Students Loans are available to students applying to CUNY/ITALY exchange program. Students should alert the financial aid office that they are participating in an exchange program; there is usually an advisor at your campus who deals specially with study abroad and exchange students.

HOUSING

The Italian University **will assist** students in finding rooms with shared kitchen facilities at the university residences or student apartments. Students will pay a housing fee directly to the host university one month prior to departure. The housing fee will vary for each university.



Piazza di Spagna, Rome

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

Students will be required to attend an orientation workshop one month prior to departure.



Fontana Maggiore and Sala dei Notari, Perugia

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS:

Airfare	\$ 1,000 - 1,500 (approx.)
Housing (per month)	\$ 400 - 700 (approx.)
Meals	\$ 1,500 - 1,800 (approx.)
Textbooks	\$ 300 (approx.)
Permit to stay in Italy	\$ 250 (approx.)
Miscellaneous personal Expenses	\$ 1,700 (approx.)

***Independent travel not included

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