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

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THE CUNY/ITALY

The CUNY/ITALY program is a student exchange between The City University of New York 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

Università degli Studi di Perugia
Università per Stranieri di Perugia
Roma Tre Università
Università degli Studi di Siena

*** Università per Stranieri di Perugia is the only university that also offers an Intensive Italian Language & Culture Program during the fall and spring Semesters. Students applying to the Italian Language & Culture Program should have completed 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 STAB study abroad credits (not e-permit credits) per semester. The CUNY/ITALY Exchange Program will designate the students to one of the participating Italian universities. Degree courses are usually taught in Italian; limited undergraduate and graduate courses are also 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 and bursar receipt or a letter from the Office of the Bursar or Financial Aid to the CUNY/ ITALY Exchange Program.

DATES

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

Academic Year: October 1 to July 31

Fall Semester: September to December 23 for only the Intensive Italian program at the Università per Stranieri di Perugia; Spring Semester: January to June.

Spring Semester for all University Programs: Mid-January up to July 31



APPLICATION DEADLINES

Academic Year and Fall Semester: March 1.
Spring Semester: October 1.

STUDENT POINT OF VIEW

Vanessa Verduga, Baruch College

"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."

Joann Vultaggio, Hunter 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."

Matteo Anichini, Università degli Studi di Siena

"My experience in New York as an exchange student gave me confidence and made me think in new ways. My unique experience of living and studying in the USA will help me to definitely find a job. To make a change is scary, but when you get over the fear the awesomeness starts. I would recommend this experience to all my friends and colleagues because it has changed my life in a positive way and made me a better person."

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT

The exchange program is open to matriculated CUNY 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 two letters of recommendation from faculty members or an academic adviser. Students planning to take degree courses in Italian 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. Some courses are taught in English. **The exchange program requires of students a certain level of maturity and ability 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 student loans are available to students applying to the CUNY/ITALY exchange program. Students should alert the Financial Aid Office that they are participating in an exchange program and that there are no additional fees added to the CUNY tuition; there is usually an adviser at your campus who deals specifically with study abroad and exchange students.

HOUSING

The Italian universities 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 or a housing agency. The housing fee will vary in price for each university.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

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



Fontana Maggiore, Piazza IV Novembre, Perugia

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS (all approx.):

Airfare	\$ 1,000-1,200
Housing (per month)	\$ 400-1,000
Meals	\$ 1,500-1,800
Textbooks	\$ 300
Permit to stay in Italy	\$ 250
Miscellaneous personal Expenses	\$ 1,800
Student Insurance	\$ 65-100 per month

Independent expenses not included

PARTICIPATING ITALIAN UNIVERSITY WEBSITES:

Università degli Studi di Perugia	www.unipg.it
Università degli Studi di Perugia	www.unipg.it
Università per Stranieri di Perugia	www.unistrap.it
Università degli Studi di Roma Tre	www.uniroma3.it
Università degli Studi di Siena	www.unisi.it

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