

# Urbino, Italy

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*Italian Summer  
Language Program*



**U**RBINO is a major university town located about 20 miles from the Adriatic Coast, just south of Rimini. This walled town, with its rose-colored brick houses, is built on two hills overlooking the countryside bathed in golden light. This small and picturesque town dates back to the 12th century when it was ruled by the Montefeltro family, wise patrons of the arts. During the Renaissance, Urbino became one of the most splendid intellectual centers of Europe. It has preserved most of this atmosphere not only in attitude but in architecture as well. The Ducal Palace, a true masterpiece, has been called by art critics “the most beautiful dwelling of the Renaissance.” It was in this palace, under the Dukes of Montefeltro, that artists and men of letters gathered and produced famous works of art. Some of these men include Raphael, Bramante, and Barocci. Today the Palace houses one of the finest art collections in Italy, replete with many works by Raphael and Piero della Francesca. With its city walls, narrow winding streets, spacious piazzas, beautiful buildings, cypress trees and unique light, no wonder so many accomplished individuals found inspiration in Urbino.



The University of Urbino, founded in the 16th century has developed into a modern university of international reputation. Urbino is an ideal town for total immersion in Italian life and language. It is sophisticated and open to foreign visitors. Though somewhat remote from tourist traffic, the city holds much to be explored and is easy to get around by foot. It is hard to believe it is only three hours away from Florence, Venice, and Bologna and still remains somewhat of a secret. Rome is about but five hours away and the beach at Pesaro is a scant 40 minutes. Urbino is a great base from which to extend out from, and there is plenty to do and see within its own walls as well. During the summer, the city is enlivened with baroque concerts in the Chiesa di San Lorenzo, folk dances in Piazza Rinascimento, and many other cultural activities. The 25,000 inhabitants of Urbino are very proud of their city and country and celebrate life in the traditional Italian spirit. These friendly people are always willing to help and enjoy talking to American students. Combining the location and the people, every day is a learning experience.

The program holds classes in the morning, ending at lunchtime. Groups are small and taught conversational-style by American and local professors. In addition to the classroom, students are encouraged to take part in the life of the town during their free time. Conversing with Italians is the most rewarding aspect of learning the language. This is easily accomplished, since Italians are naturally curious about Americans and will seek them out. This social interaction promotes fluency by hearing and using what is learned in the classroom in a real context. The people and the culture will not only give students a reason to learn fast and well but they will also inspire a deeper appreciation of the language. By the end of the program most students could be able to converse in basic level Italian with ease and enjoyment.

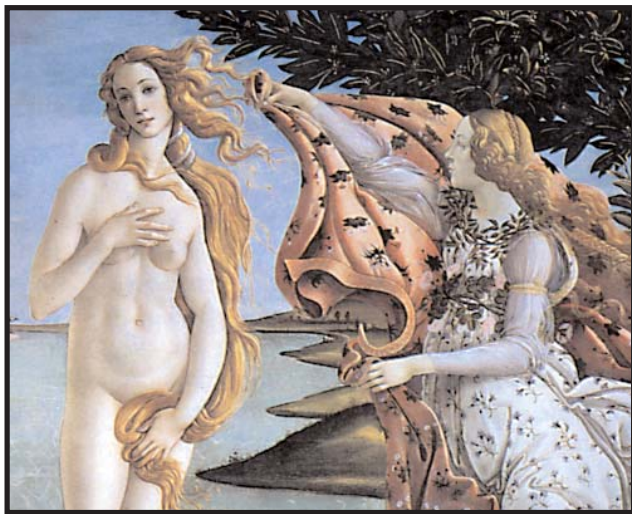


**URBINO SUMMER PROGRAM** is co-sponsored by The University of Tennessee, The University of Southern Connecticut, The University of South Carolina, and by professors belonging to various American and Italian universities. It is open to anyone interested in Italian language and culture. The sponsoring universities offer graduate and undergraduate credits. Individual arrangements regarding the transfer of credits are made through one's own academic institution prior to departure.

**COURSES** to choose from include Italian Language at all levels, Italian Culture and Civilization.

**CALENDAR** dates are tentative: leaving early in July and returning early in August (approximately 37 days). The program starts at the airport in Rome and ends at the hotel in Rome.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** are in university dorms. Single rooms are generally given out depending on the number of attending students for the summer.



**MEALS:** lunch and dinner are covered by the program cost and are served at the university restaurant. The food is authentic Italian, of course, and quite good. There are various pasta, meat, and vegetable dishes to choose from at each meal plus all the Italian bread you can eat. Soft drinks and wine are available for a small cost. It is hard to go wrong with authentic Italian food!

**DAY TRIPS** to various cities, such as Assisi, Ravenna, San Marino, Pesaro, etc. are a good way to really soak up the beauty of the Italian villages and countryside. There is a tradition of going to a famous opera, such as Rigoletto, Aida, Madame Butterfly, Turandot, etc. at the famous Sferisterio of Macerata for an extra \$50 per student. Transportation is included in the program cost for all excursions. For excursion days, students are responsible for their own meals.

**WEEKEND EXCURSIONS** to various cities such as Florence, Rome and Venice will immerse you in the local Italian Culture. For those trips, students are responsible for their own meals, but a group rate is usually negotiated at local restaurants. See the back of this brochure for more details.

**COST - TBA.** This includes all accommodations for five weeks, all planned excursions, and two meals a day at the university cafeteria. This does not include airfare from Knoxville to Rome or UTK tuition. Please check out this website for further information: [http://web.utk.edu/~mfl/italian/study\\_abroad.htm](http://web.utk.edu/~mfl/italian/study_abroad.htm)

**APPLICATION** deadline is

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**— Preference will be given to those applying earlier. Students may apply as of now.

**Program Fee** — Paid to the Programs Abroad Office in installments

**March 2nd** — \$250 non-refundable deposit and signed decision form

**Tuition** — Billed in early April and paid to the registrar as for a UT course.

## **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Estimated Total Cost: **\$4683** (based on in-state 6 credit tuition rates)

**Total cost includes:**

Program Fee: \$3067

Estimated Personal Expenses: \$332

Tuition: \$1284 for 6 credits

**Does not include Airfare** — which is approximately \$1200



# Weekend Excursions

**V**enice is a fascinating city between sea and sky . It is held together by 400 bridges that cross 150 canals. In the time spent here students will definitely want to visit Saint Mark's Square and Cathedral, famous all over the world for its great marbled elegance. Inside the square, a covered gallery shelters famous cafes and luxury shops. In the summer, exquisite music is played to the patrons at the outdoor tables of the cafes. Other points of interest (to name just a few) are the Dodge Palace, the Peggy Guggenheim Museum, and traveling by boat through the canals of Venice.



**F**lorence is without a doubt the city where Italian genius has most visibly flourished. The city was the cradle of exceptional artistic and intellectual activity that gave birth to the Renaissance. In the time spent here, students have the opportunity to see Michelangelo's David, Botticelli's Birth of Venus, and other masterpieces by Leonardo da Vinci, Cellini, Donatello, and many others. The most concentrated collection of art is in the Uffizi Museum, one of the finest museums in the world. The city itself, along the Arno River, is a sight to see. It is bathed by a diaphanous, amber light.

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**R**ome No other city in the world has managed to combine so successfully such a diverse heritage of classical antiques, medieval buildings, renaissance palaces and baroque churches. The city is immense and sprawls over seven hills with its bustling metropolis. The treasures of Rome are not always easy to visit, as the city center is a maze of narrow streets. As it is impossible to see of Rome, students should try hit the big sights such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon, Vatican City, Saint Peter's Cathedral, the Sistine Chapel, the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, the Roman Forum, and other famous landmarks.

