



Italy Travel Program - 2026

Monroe Community College and Florence University of the Arts

4 - Week Program Overview

May 31 through June 27, 2025

EST cost \$9,500

MCC students can partake in a travel and academic program featuring four weeks in Italy. The program begins with a travel week “Cultural Introduction to Italy” to foster awareness of Italian cultural heritage and lifestyle. Students will experience locations such as Rome, Maremma (southern Tuscany), and Versilia (northern Tuscany), and their defining characteristics such as cuisines, history, architecture, etc. The program will subsequently move to Florence, Italy, for 3-weeks of regular academic classes held at Florence University of the Arts.

- June 1 through June 8 *Cultural Introduction to Italy*
- June 9 through June 25 *Classes in Florence at FUA*

Program Features - 9 Academic Credits

- 3 credit course HSP 225 Spring Semester class at MCC
- 3-transfer credit travel week class
(Includes all visits, accommodation, and most meals)
- 3-transfer credit course in Florence from FUA’s summer schedule of classes (<https://www.fua.it/academic-calendar/>)
- Housing and partial meal plan, use of gym and library
- Class trips to local cities outside Florence, and more.
- Theater, Opera, Art Galleries in Italy

Program Benefits

- The travel week provides a deeper perspective of Italian culture for better immersion into the Italian culture and Florence academics.
- Living in Florence Italy, a top European destination
- Academic courses taught by highly qualified faculty
- Full assistance and services provided by FUA facilities
- The opportunity to internationalize your academic and future career paths.

2- Week Travel Option

May 31 through June 14, 2025: 14 nights of food, culture & history plus one-week food, pastry and wine classes in Florence.

EST cost \$7,200

- June 1 through June 8 *Cultural Introduction to Italy (Travel Program)*
- June 9 through June 12 *Class in Florence at FUA*

Program Features - 4 Academic Credits

- 1-credit course HSP 222 Spring Semester class at MCC
- 3-transfer credit travel week class
(Includes all visits, accommodation, and most meals)

How To Enroll

Attend an informational meeting during fall 2025. [Contact Professor Evelyn Lannak \(elannak@monroec.edu\)](mailto:elannak@monroec.edu).

Register for Spring 2026 class:

- HSP 225 (CRN# 36092) or HSP 222 (CRN# 36091)



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Travel Week City Tour and Class Schedule

- Rome
 - Piazza Venezia, Capitoline Hill, Imperial Forums, Colosseum and Roman Forum
 - Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Piazza del Popolo
- Vatican City
 - Saint Peter's Square and Basilica
- Caprarola, in the province of Viterbo (Northern Lazio) for a visit to Palazzo Farnese
- Bagnaia and visit to Villa Lante a “garden of surprise”
- Capalbio (Southern Maremma) - visit the “Giardino dei Tarocchi”,
- Populonia-Etruscan city of Archaeological Park of Baratti
- Bolgheri - vineyard and agriculture
- Versilia, on the Northern Coast of Tuscany
- Viareggio, The Cittadella del Carnevale, the Promenade, the History
- Carrara, visit of the Marble Quarries
- Pietrasanta, the town and its sculpting studios
- Cinque Terre
- Forte dei Marmi for a Bike Tour
- Firenze/ Florence –Our home away from Home
- Fiesole
- Venice

Why Study in Italy

This course is designed to provide students the opportunity to see and experience the richness of Italy through the unique experiences of travel and immersion into local society. The core components of this course will be a stay in country, with visits to the main cities and cultural centers providing experience through immersion. Class meetings prior to the trip will focus on topics that will help the students prepare for the immersion experience. Meetings after the trip will provide a time for debriefing, reporting, evaluation, and assimilation. The student is expected to complete ten tasks during his/her stay, make an oral presentation, and prepare a portfolio of the trip. This portfolio can be a personal journal, photo display, video recording, or a combination thereof.

For the 4-week program (HSP 225), the student is required to attend the pre-departure lecture class (CRN 36092). For the 2-week program (HSP 222), the student is required to attend the pre-departure lecture class (CRN 36091). The Lecture, group discussion, readings, videos, and research projects are a few components of the predeparture lecture component.

Visits to art galleries, archaeological sites, and cultural centers, UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as the Roman Forum, Roman Coliseum, Medici Villas and Gardens in Tuscany, and Historic Center of Florence are examples of onsite experiential learning activities.

Projects, reading assignments, and research will be a component of the course as determined necessary based on the scheduled cities, archaeological sites, and historical places, of destinations in the class schedule.

Financing Study Abroad

This is a self-funded trip. Trip needs to be paid in full by 1/17/2025. Inquire now about financial aid, scholarships, and fundraising options.

- MCC Financial Aid office, Building #1 Room 231 (<https://www.monroecc.edu/tuition-aid/>)
- MCC Scholarships (<https://monroecc.academicworks.com/>)
- FUA Scholarships (https://fua.it/Admissions/scholarships.html#studya_broadscholarship)
- MCC Study Abroad (<https://www.monroecc.edu/depts/global-education/study-abroad/>)



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