

CIAO, ITALIA! LANGUAGE PROGRAM

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The “Ciao, Italia!” Italian language program in Arezzo offers OU students the chance to immerse themselves in Italian language study while living in the picturesque Tuscan town of Arezzo. Students will study Italian with OU in Arezzo's language instructors on the campus of our partner university, the University of Siena at Arezzo, or in OU's fabulous center in the heart of the historic old town.

The language instructors are both native speakers, allowing participants to hear authentic accents every day in the classroom. Students will be enrolled in the Italian language course that would be their next one in the sequence at OU. All students are required to take the World of Dante course, which is taught in English.

This program strives for full cultural and linguistic immersion for all program participants

during the six weeks of their stay in Italy. Students will pair structured language learning with the study of the most important work of literature for Italian language and culture, Dante's *Commedia*. The Middle Ages in Italy produced some of the greatest works of literature and art in the Western Tradition. The “World of Dante” course will look at how these artists and writers approached two themes common to all humans -- love and death.

The program will begin in Rome with the cultural archaeology of medieval Rome, including visits to two lesser-known but marvelous churches, San Clemente and Santi Quattro Coronati, and the archaeological digs under the Vatican. Later in the program there will be an overnight trip to Ravenna to see the place that inspired Dante's vision of Heaven and Hell, as well as a visit to his eternal resting place. Day trips to Dante's hometown of Florence and his first place of exile, Poppi, are also included in the program design.

The program fee paid through the College of Arts and Sciences International Programs Office includes transportation in-country for all required group excursions, welcome and farewell dinners, accommodation in Rome and Arezzo, 2 meals a day in Arezzo, day trips to Florence, all museum and site entrance fees on group excursions, participation in the joust festival and other activities in Arezzo, use of the OUA Student Center resources (computer lab, lounge, etc.), and staff support and crisis management.

This program has rolling admissions. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis up to a maximum of 20. Applicants should know their status within two weeks of completing the online application, excluding holiday breaks.