

## ORGANIC CHEMISTRY IN ITALY SUMMER 2018



This study abroad opportunity is an example of the College of Arts and Sciences' commitment to create more study abroad programs for hard science majors. Participants begin the program with three nights in Rome, then move on to Arezzo, the Tuscan base for the rest of the program. Arezzo is a center for wine, cheese, honey, wheat and olive oil production, as well as being home to coffee roasters and many espresso cafés. All of those things make this city a perfect location for the Culinary Chemistry and Culture of Italy course.

Only students willing to make a serious commitment to the core science aspects of this program should apply. The program is limited to 26 students to ensure individual attention in the courses. The professors and the International Programs Office of the College of Arts and Sciences have created an exciting study abroad opportunity that extends the fundamentals of organic chemistry into an Italian culinary and cultural context. Past participants have said that they truly learned how to be successful in organic chemistry, how to apply it in wider contexts, and that they were well prepared for the second semester of Organic Chemistry when they returned to campus.

The academic components of the courses are enriched by guided excursions to sites involved in Italy's wine and food industries. Classes are held weekdays at OU's center in Arezzo, with faculty-supported organic chemistry study sessions. The organic chemistry exams are on Fridays. Day trips, group dinners, the famous Arezzo Joust, and an open 3-day weekend for independent travel all provide nice breaks from the rigors of the coursework. During the day trip to Florence, participants will visit a variety of museums and sites important to the history of science and to Italian history and culture.

This program has a minimum GPA requirement of 3.0. First-year or transfer students who apply before they have an OU cumulative grade point average, but who meet the other requirements, may be provisionally accepted pending a 3.0 minimum GPA after the fall 2017 semester. The admissions process is "rolling admissions." Applications are accepted at any time until the deadline and students can expect a decision within two weeks of completing all parts of the application, barring university holiday breaks. Notification is made by email.

Applicants must meet with [Karen Elmore](#), Director of International Programs in Arts and Sciences, as part of a completed application. Because this program will fill well before the application deadline, it is best to have that advising as soon as possible.

