Learn Italian language, culture, art, cuisine, and “The Art of Italian Living” in Siena, Italy. Siena, a gothic hill town in the heart of Tuscany, will be your home for five weeks while studying Italian language and culture. In the mornings, you will have Italian language classes taught by local instructors (if you don't already know some Italian, don't worry—on this program you can learn Italian in Italy). Your afternoons will be filled with museum visits, cooking courses, and cultural discussions led by experts from the community. Part of the experience will be to learn Siena intimately by studying the contradas and tight-knit small neighborhoods, and leading your classmates on your own neighborhood walks. Through your travel journal assignments, you will creatively reflect on your cultural learning. In the evenings, you will return to your accommodation, where your host will provide a home-cooked dinner and a room in an Italian home. Our field trips will take us to the heart of Italian civilization—ancient and baroque Rome and renaissance Florence—where we will investigate world-famous masterpieces of Italian art history. Through these experiences and more, you will learn “The Art of Italian Living.”

DATES
17 May – 22 June 2024 (approx. 5 weeks)

HOUSING
Housing will be in homes with Italian hosts, preferably two students per home, breakfasts and dinners included. Living with an Italian host is a cultural learning experience. Special dietary needs may not be accommodated in Italian homes. In Florence, Rome and the Cinque Terre housing will be in monasteries and budget hotels.

COURSES
Students will be enrolled for 7 credit hours during the program in the following courses:
Required: ITAL 101 (4 credit hours) or ITAL 102 (4 credit hours) or ITAL 201 (4 credit hours)
Required: ITAL 363 – Italian Civilization on Study Abroad (3 credit hours)

No previous Italian language experience is required.
Participants may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.
COST
$6300-6800
Includes BYU Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition, housing, most meals, accommodations and transportation on field trips, museum entrance included in the program, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include international airfare, some meals, personal expenses, preparation course tuition, or passport fees.

TRAVEL
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.

BYU Travel | 801-422-6293 | travel@byu.edu | 280 HRCB.

PREPARATION
Students with no exposure to Italian are encouraged to apply!

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This course will be held Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:50 p.m. during second block of winter semester 2024.

Accompanying spouses of students need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online, take the preparation course, and pay for the program.

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship.
Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).
The College of Humanities may have funding specifically for majors and minors in that college. Please check with Jennifer Haraguchi for details.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply
The application requires a $35 fee. Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete.
Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.
The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Priority Deadline: 1 November 2023
Final Deadline: 1 December 2023

PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Aaron Rose, international study programs coordinator will be the onsite director in Italy. He and his family have led study abroad in Siena, Rome, Florence, Venice, Sardinia, and other destinations.
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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.