

# THE RENAISSANCE IN ITALY

## SPRING 2025 STUDY ABROAD



The Italian Renaissance is one of the few historical eras that still speaks to our modern sensibilities. It was an age of pandemic disease, endemic warfare, tremendous social and economic disparity, and yet it was also a time of intense beauty, great innovation, and profound spirituality. We are moved by its great paintings and sculpture, we are inspired by Leonardo and Michelangelo, we still read Machiavelli with pleasure, or perhaps dismay.

This study abroad program will introduce you to the fascinating history and culture of Renaissance Italy while traveling from the Dolomite mountains in the north to the heart of the Mediterranean Sea in the south. Highlights include Venice, Florence, Rome, Palermo, but we will also see many smaller, less-visited places such as Verona, Trent, Milan, Genoa, Palermo, Lecce, Assisi, Siena, Otranto, Spoleto, Padua, Mantua, and Naples. We will also slip across the Adriatic to visit Croatia, Bosnia and Montenegro in order to study the expansion of Renaissance ideals into the Mediterranean. We will see many of the masterpieces of Italian Renaissance art and architecture, but will also explore the countryside, climb mountains, soak in volcanic hot springs, hike along picturesque coasts, cook and eat incredible food, and contemplate matters of the soul.

"A man who has not been in Italy, is always conscious of an inferiority, from his not having seen what it is expected a man should see." Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

### **DATES**

27 April – 29 May 2025 (approximately)

### **HOUSING**

Students will be housed in shared rooms in hotels, hostels, extended stay residences and apartments.

### **COURSE**

HIST 302 The Italian Renaissance (3 credits) (Fulfills GE LTRS)

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

## **COST**

\$6,600-7,100

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, all program-related in-country transportation, all admissions, some meals, and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare, prep course tuition, or personal expenses.

## **TRAVEL**

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

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## **PREPARATION**

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This evening class will be held during the second block of Winter 2024 semester. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee.

International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in international locations that do not have the same level of safety and services in terms of transportation, living conditions, residential accommodations, food, public behavior, and policing that you may be used to on campus. If you have further questions or concerns on this, please see <https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>

**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](https://kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships)). The History Department has additional funds available for eligible BYU History majors and minors.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at [kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply](https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply). A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required; 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 2024**

**Application Deadline: 15 December 2024**

## **FACULTY**

Eric Dursteler is a professor of early modern Italian and Mediterranean history in the BYU History Department. He served a mission in Milan, then lived in Venice and Florence with his family. He has directed six study abroad programs in Paris, London and Europe, and has traveled and researched extensively throughout Italy and the Mediterranean. He will be accompanied on this program by his wife, Whitney.

## **INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

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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.