



Ashland University
Study Abroad Office

Study in Tuscany: Art & Politics

Aesthetics or Social Science Core
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Retreat to the Tuscan Countryside!

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ABOUT THE ARTIST & SCHOLAR RETREAT

Art students will use on site studios to work on pieces which reflect on art as it relates to institutions of political power. Students will have to the opportunity to study and interact with artifacts in Italy.

Political Science students will reflect on how Italian thinkers contributed to the Enlightenment. They will primarily focus on the thought of Machiavelli. The retreat is designed to highlight the way that art and politics influence one another, and will allow students to experience the art and history in its original location.

Courses:

ART160 (all concentrations)
Any art major in 200/300/400 level studio class
POLSC345 Early Modern Political Thought

TENTATIVE ITINERARY LOCATIONS

Most days will be spent studying, working, and relaxing on the monastery grounds. Students will also spend 2 nights in Rome (1 at the start and 1 at the end of the trip) and take day trips to Florence and Siena.

ON-SITE ARRANGEMENTS

Students will stay in a dormitory space in a renovated monastery outside Siena, Italy. The monastery includes three-studio classrooms for artists, several discussion rooms, and presentation spaces.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST

Approximately \$1,990
(Tentative until flights are booked)

INCLUDED: Round trip flight from CLE to Rome, two nights' accommodation in Rome, day trip to Florence, public bus transportation to Siena, 3 meals a day while in Siena, international health insurance

NOT INCLUDED: Meals in Rome and Florence (\$60+), expenses for passport (\$145), ETIAS travel visa (\$7-\$9), personal spending

DEADLINES & PAYMENTS

November 1 - \$500 Non-Refundable Deposit Due

February 1 - Remaining balance charged to AU account

HOW TO APPLY

1. Register for spring course linked to tour (ART160 & above, POLSC345)
2. Go to the Study Abroad Office website - ashland.abroadoffice.net
3. On the left, choose 2022 AU Programs then Study in Tuscany: Art & Politics. Click "Apply to Program" at the bottom of the page.
4. Create a student profile on Abroad Office and complete application information.
5. Submit deposit, check made out to Ashland University or a debit/credit card, to the Study Abroad Office (Bixler 211) prior to the deadline.