

# ITAX - ITALIAN EDUCATION ABROAD

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## **ITAX100 Introduction to Italian Language and Culture (3 Credits)**

Open to students with no previous training in Italian, the course introduces features of the Italian language needed for interaction in everyday practical situations, such as the cafe, restaurant, accommodation and in shops. The course satisfies a limited number of immediate needs necessary for survival in the target language culture. Cultural topics, such as Italian gestures, the Italian family, the working world, religion, and women in Italy, will also be studied in order to familiarize the student with certain aspects of contemporary Italian society and culture.

**Additional Information:** This course is offered as part of the Maryland-in-Rome study abroad program. Students must apply for this program through Education Abroad: More information at [ter.ps/UMRome](https://ter.ps/UMRome). Education Abroad processes registrations for this course on behalf of students.

## **ITAX103 The Florence Experience I (4 Credits)**

Students will develop basic cultural and linguistic/communicative competences (speaking, writing, reading and understanding) in Italian through an interdisciplinary experience. Introduces students to various aspects of contemporary Florentine life and Italian culture via field trips, interviews with local Florentines, and cultural activities facilitated by professional directors and playwrights.

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## **ITAX201 Cultural Diversity in Italy (3 Credits)**

The different practices and experiences of cultural diversity and its challenges in contemporary Italy. The course will analyze the transition of Italy from a country of emigration to a country of both emigration and immigration.

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## **ITAX301 Florence: The Story of the City (3 Credits)**

Explores how the history of Florence is highly representative of the history of Italy as the cradle of many philosophical, artistic, and political ideas that were key in shaping the Western World. Students in this course will visit both well-known and hidden landscapes of Florence, identify its most celebrated spaces, and understand how the city has changed and how it has been shaped by the character of its people. This course is offered as part of the Maryland-in-Florence study abroad program. Students must apply for this program through Education Abroad: More information at <https://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/program/11293>. Education Abroad processes registrations for this course on behalf of students.

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## **ITAX302 History of Fashion (3 Credits)**

Creativity, a taste for beauty, tradition and imagination have always been part of Italian culture, being key factors in the shaping of its extraordinary artistic heritage, and in the emergence of a specifically Italian style. Students will explore the evolution of Italian Fashion from the fourteenth century through a multi-faceted approach that includes site visits and considers the impact of gender and political structures, Renaissance art, the Florentine silk economy, the emergence of writings on Fashion and style, design experiments connected to the birth of Opera, and Hollywood and Cinecitta industries on clothing, costume, style, and production in our time. Course is taught in English. This course is offered as part of the Maryland-in-Florence study abroad program. Students must apply for this program through Education Abroad: More information at <https://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/program/11293>. Education Abroad processes registrations for this course on behalf of students.

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