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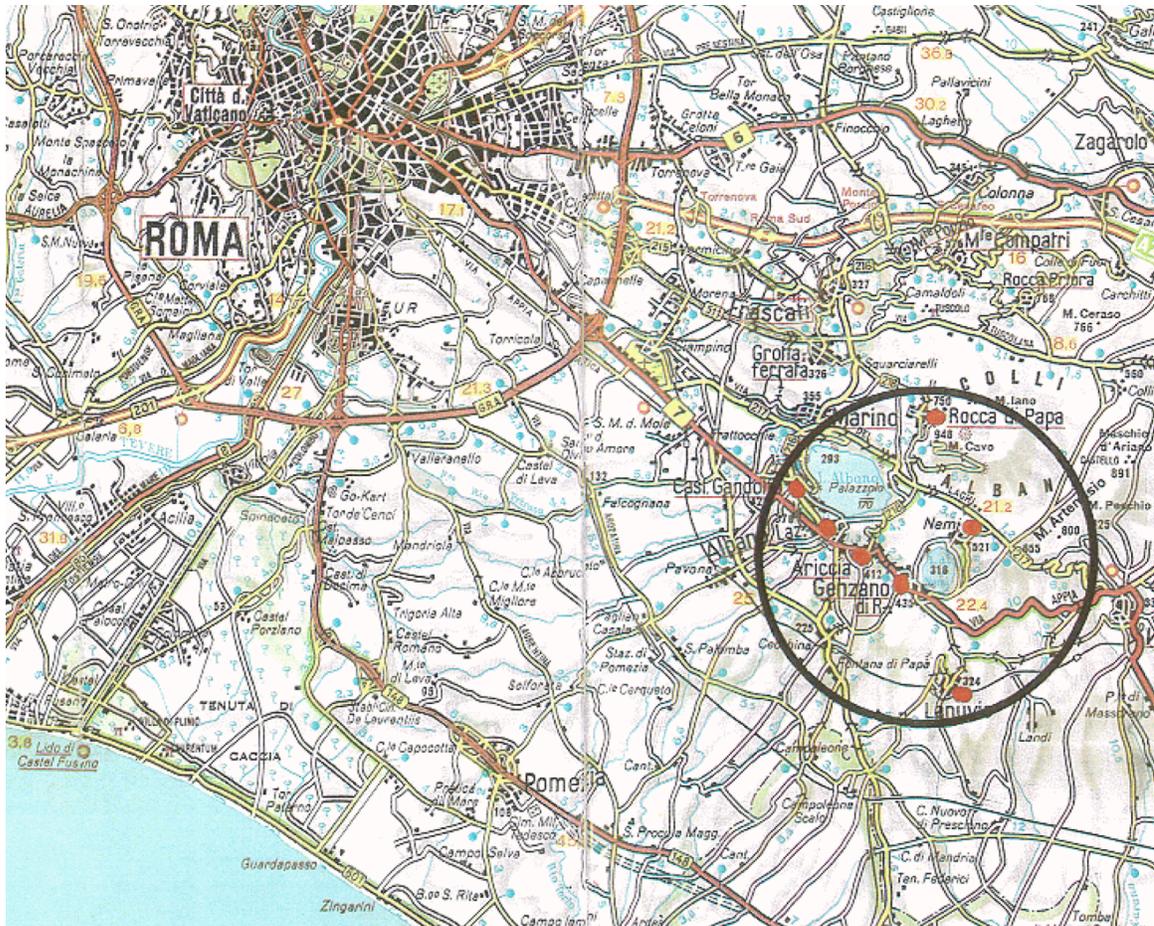
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**Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy  
and Ariccia, Italy  
are located southeast of Rome  
in the beautiful Alban Hills.**

## **Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy**

### **WHAT IS THE JOSEPH S. BRUNO AUBURN ABROAD IN ITALY PROGRAM?**

Today, in the College of Human Sciences at Auburn University, students have the unique opportunity to participate in a 21<sup>st</sup> century Grand Tour through the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program. This semester-long program is based in the small town of Ariccia, Italy located in the Alban Hills near Rome. The program offers more than a dozen excursions to a variety of cities and regions throughout Italy, including multiple trips to Rome, the neighboring towns of the Castelli Romani, and the regions of Campania, Umbria and Tuscany to visit cities such as Pompeii, Siena, Orvieto, Assisi, and Florence. The program also offers optional travel opportunities to Venice, Cinque Terre, and sites along the Amalfi Coast, such as Positano and the Isle of Capri.

While living and studying in the footsteps of the legendary 17<sup>th</sup> century Grand Tourists in Italy, students are immersed in an authentic Italian lifestyle while studying Italy's rich history, as well as modern lifestyles and customs. A structured and coordinated mix of field trips and classes allow students to earn 16 credits and an International Minor in Human Sciences. Classes include lectures and presentations by notable Italian speakers and scholars in a variety of areas such as Italian art, architecture, history, food and wine, fashion, music, and language.



Through specialized and enriching trips, unique learning opportunities, and research projects, students from diverse academic majors gain an understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of today's world. Through activities that reflect the academic focus areas within the College of Human Sciences, (fashion and interior design, human development and family studies, nutrition, and hospitality management), students broaden their knowledge within their academic major by studying its relationships to other fields of study and to global concerns. Like the original Grand Tour, Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy fosters academic, professional and personal growth and creates long-lasting friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Visit us online at [www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy](http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy) to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

## WHAT WILL AUBURN ABROAD IN ITALY DO FOR YOU?

A study abroad experience is invaluable in preparing college graduates to compete successfully in today's global economy. Students who participate reap benefits and rewards far beyond the actual experience itself. Studying abroad enhances communication and foreign language skills, improves a student's ability to work as a member of a cross-cultural team and function in unfamiliar environments. Studying abroad also increases a student's chances of getting noticed by employers and graduate schools. As a university with a strong international focus, Auburn offers a variety of options to all students to study abroad or be placed in international internships.

## WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL MINOR IN HUMAN SCIENCES?

Auburn undergraduates are eligible to earn the International Minor in Human Sciences in one semester by participating in the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program. When an Auburn student enrolls in the Auburn Abroad in Italy program, he/she also will enroll in the following four courses for a total of 16 credit hours: HUSC 3383, 4940, 4380 and 4010 (see page 9 of this booklet). The completion of these four courses will meet the requirements for the International Minor. Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) students may choose to use the Auburn Abroad in Italy experience to meet their internship requirement in lieu of receiving the International Minor.



*Views of Ariccia and the Chigi Palace*

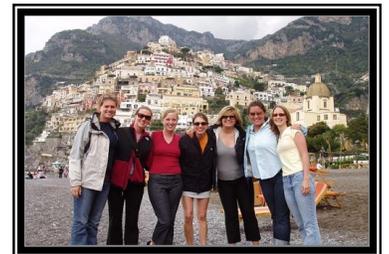
## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE JOSEPH S. BRUNO AUBURN ABROAD IN ITALY PROGRAM?

If you are at least 19 years of age and have a minimum 2.25 GPA you are eligible to apply. Students from all Auburn University schools and colleges, as well as students from other universities, are welcome to apply.

## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

Prior to departure, an Auburn University faculty member teaches a required on-line course designed to prepare students for the study abroad experience. This same faculty member coordinates the integrated curriculum in Italy. While in Italy, Italian lecturers present on topics such as:

- Survival Italian
- Art and architectural history
- European history
- Philosophical underpinning of Italian culture
- Italian educational system
- Italian music
- Interior design and fashion industries
- Mediterranean diet
- Italian wine and olive oil industries
- Regional food
- Italian culture



## WHAT WILL YOU SEE?

More than a dozen field trips, some that change seasonally to take advantage of weather conditions and special events, are planned to enhance the value of the lectures and discussions. These trips may include visits to:

- Florence and Siena
- Rome neighborhoods, art museums, fountains and sculptures, churches, and ancient archeological sites
- Castelli Romani towns of Frascati, Nemi, and Castel Gandolfo
- Pompeii
- Assisi and other Umbrian hill towns
- American World War II cemetery
- Villas of Rome and/or the Roman countryside
- Etruscan sites and/or museums in the Lazio region
- Wineries and olive oil production facilities
- Italian elementary and high schools
- Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Headquarters in Rome



Additionally, ample time is built into the schedule to allow students to travel on their own. During past semesters, students have elected to visit Italian sites such as,

***the Amalfi Coast, the Cinque Terre, Sicily, and Venice.*** They also have traveled to other European locations – ***Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Interlaken, London, Madrid, Paris, Prague, and Vienna, to name just a few.***



## ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Yes, scholarships are available each semester. Scholarship deadlines are listed on page 20. ***A scholarship application can be found at the end of this booklet.*** You must submit a program application, the deposit (non-refundable/non-transferrable to another participant), and a scholarship application to be considered for a scholarship.

## CAN YOU USE EDUCATIONAL LOANS AND FINANCIAL AID?

Yes. Contact the Auburn University Financial Aid Office, 203 Martin Hall, 844-4634, for additional information.

## WHERE CAN YOU OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT AUBURN ABROAD IN ITALY?

For more program information, please contact one of the following:

Sue Ann Fox, AU Campus Office, 108 Spidle Hall, [saf0001@auburn.edu](mailto:saf0001@auburn.edu)

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***A program and scholarship application can be found at the end of this booklet.*** This booklet also is available for download at: [www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy/files/handbook](http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy/files/handbook)

To place a deposit, please contact the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy office, 108 Spidle Hall, Auburn University, Alabama, 36849; T (334) 844-3748.

**For other relevant websites go to:**

[http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy/chs\\_au\\_italy.php](http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy/chs_au_italy.php)

<http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/international>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3Mj2Tr667I&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Joseph-S-Bruno-Auburn-abroad-in-Italy/229553477186201>

<http://wp.auburn.edu/italy/>



Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy  
**CURRICULUM AND ITINERARY**

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy is a semester program and includes an online preparation class (HUSC 3383) before you depart for Italy, as well as 12 weeks in Italy. Upon successful completion of the program, undergraduate students may earn the International Minor. The following courses comprise the program of study.

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
1) HUSC 3383	Study Abroad Opportunities in Human Sciences (online)	2
2) HUSC 4940	CHS@AU in Italy: Directed Field Experience	6
3) HUSC 4380	Auburn Abroad in Italy Study and Travel	2
4) HUSC 4010	CHS@AU in Italy: Integrated Global Studies	6
Total Credit Hours		<u>16</u>

## COURSE POLICIES

Students participating in the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program are expected to participate in ALL planned activities, excursions, lectures, etc. Absences are permitted only for illness or family emergencies. If one of these situations occurs such that a student is not able to attend and participate in the planned activities, the on-site Auburn University College of Human Sciences faculty must be notified in advance.

Students are ambassadors for the College of Human Sciences, Auburn University, and the United States. They are expected to be professional and responsible at all times. Any student who does not follow guidelines established by the Auburn University College of Human Sciences faculty, who puts another student or faculty member in jeopardy from a health or safety perspective, damages property at the Palazzo Chigi or other Italian sites, or otherwise breaks the law, will be sent home immediately at the student's expense. Detailed policy statements can be found online at:

<http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy/>

Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy  
**COSTS AND DETAILED BUDGET  
ESTIMATE**

Program costs are determined by semester of participation regardless of date the application and deposit are submitted. All costs and fees associated with this program are subject to change based on currency exchange rate and program increases.

**COST AND DETAILED BUDGET ESTIMATE  
EFFECTIVE FALL 2013**

**Program Costs/Lodging for Auburn University Human Sciences Majors:**

Resident (in-state):	9,700 Euro*
Non-Resident (out-of-state):	11,700 Euro*

**Program Costs/Lodging for Non-Human Sciences Majors:**

Resident (in-state):	11,700 Euro*
Non-Resident (out-of-state):	13,700 Euro*

\* For the up-to-date exchange rate of the U. S. dollar to Euro, please go to:  
[www.x-rates.com/calculator.htm](http://www.x-rates.com/calculator.htm)

Effective 9-1-13 the deposit (non-refundable/non-transferrable to another participant) will increase from \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 for students entering the program in Fall 2014 and beyond.

The deposit is due with application, and secures a place in the program for your selected semester.

**check made payable to:  
Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy**

The program fee is determined by the current Euro exchange rate at the time of billing. The balance of the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy fee (fee minus the \$1500.00 deposit) will show on your e-bill the same date as if you were taking classes on the Auburn campus and will be **due on the first payment due date** for the corresponding semester that you will be in Italy.

**For both Human Sciences majors and non-majors the program costs include:**

- Pick up at Fiumicino – Rome airport and return to airport (on the designated arrival and departure dates)
- Two overnight excursions and approximately 15-20 field trips per term
- Resident instruction provided by Italian lecturers
- Lodging in Ariccia, Italy based on dorm style accommodations

**Overnight excursions include:**

- Transportation (train or bus and driver)
- Hotel
- Entrance fees and guides
- One meal during each of the two major excursions

**Field (day) trips include:**

- Transportation
- Entrance fees and guides



## **COSTS NOT COVERED IN THE PROGRAM FEE**

**Auburn Abroad Fee (In-State OR Out-of-State Residents):** **\$598**

- Subject to change with future tuition increases
- Paid to Auburn University
- Replaces regular tuition and fees

**International Airfare:** **\$0 - 2,000**

Cost of airfare depends on factors such as pre-planning for advance purchase, frequent flyer availability, and time of year travel is scheduled. Students do not travel as a group to and from Italy and are responsible for scheduling their own air transportation.

**Passport:** **\$110 - \$195**

Passport is required

- For a new passport, the passport application fee is \$135
- For a passport renewal, the passport renewal fee is \$110
- For an expedited service, the fee is an additional \$60

**Two Passport Size Photos (2" x 2"):** **\$20**

**Books/Language CD's or Tapes:** **\$100**

**Required usage fee for an Italian Cell Phone (10 Euros) and purchase of initial talk time minutes (50 Euros):** **\*60 Euros**

Students who participate in the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program are to have an Italian cell phone with an Italian SIM card with them at all times.

**Food Estimate\*\*:** **\$2,520**

A minimum of \$30 per day for meals (based on three meals a day); food may be more costly based on personal preferences.

**Miscellaneous\*\*:** **\$1,000 - \$4,000**

Local transportation, personal items, travel during semester break, phone usage, etc.

***\* For up-to-date exchange rate of the U. S. dollar to Euro, please go to:***  
***<http://www.x-rates.com/calculator/>***

***\*\*The actual costs for food and miscellaneous may be higher or lower depending on personal choices and the value of the Euro at the time of expenditure.***

**ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE  
FOR IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE  
STUDENTS ON THE  
AUBURN CAMPUS**

A frequently asked question is how much more will I spend for the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program than if I am on-campus in classes. The costs outlined below are estimates of the costs you may incur if you were a student on the AUBURN CAMPUS. The estimate is based on 2013-2014 academic year tuition costs and expenses. These amounts will vary depending on where you live and your personal spending habits.

	<u>United States (US\$)</u>
<b><u>Tuition and Fees</u></b> (per semester)	
In-State Residents	<b>\$4,926</b>
Out-of-State Residents	<b>\$13,182</b>
<b><u>Room and Board</u></b> (estimated per semester)	<b>\$5,776</b>
<b><u>Books and Supplies</u></b> (estimated per semester)	<b>\$600</b>
<b><u>Personal</u></b> (estimated per semester)	<b>\$1,339</b>
<b><u>Transportation</u></b> (estimated per semester)	<b>\$1,408</b>

**Estimated Resident Costs per semester on the Auburn Campus:**

In-State Residents	<b>\$14,049*</b>
Out-of-State Residents	<b>\$22,305*</b>

\*Source: <http://www.auburn.edu/admissions/files/costofattendance13-14.pdf>

## Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy PAST PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

### What are former students saying about the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program?

I learned more about the importance of becoming a well-rounded global citizen. I also learned that regardless of how different a culture may be from your own, if you are willing to appreciate that culture and learn from it, you will be able to thrive in that culture. I believe that this sense of cultural appreciation can be applied to many different professional and personal situations.

**Cassandra Kirkland**, Human Development and Family Studies

The program influenced me greatly with my time management skills and building my budget. I also learned so much history and exposed myself to another culture, opening my eyes greatly to how diverse this world really is. All these lessons I learned have prepared me greatly for my career.

**Will Parker**, Interior Design

This experience helped me gain confidence in areas that I struggled in before, and I feel upon returning home I can make it through anything that comes my way. It has also ignited a desire for learning in areas I once had no interest in. This experience as a whole has impacted my life in ways that will forever change me. Italy has given me a sense of freedom and an excitement for what the future holds. I am not held back by fear anymore and I am completely open and ready for any adventure that lies before me now.

**Alex McCall**, Hotel and Restaurant Management

The Italy program was not only a once-in-a-lifetime experience, it was also a significant tool in my education as a designer. The professors in Ariccia presented everyday places and activities of society in such a way that forced cultural assumptions to be stripped away. In my design career, I have been able to use this method when studying a client's needs and creating a "tailored fit" environment for the client. The staff members began as teachers and guides and became friends and family that have helped shape my career path.

**Brenna (Loyd) Bennett**, Interior Design

This program absolutely changed my life. It gave me such a passion for the country of Italy, anything Italian, as well as the love of traveling. I am yearning to return so badly, but I know it won't compare to what I experienced through the Auburn program. I found a quote once that says "one who has not been to Italy should feel inferior, for he has not seen what the world truly holds." That's so true!

**Mary Kate Coleman**, Interior Design

My whole life perception changed after being in Italy. To this day, I find myself grateful for the experience I was able to have with my . I'm so thankful to my parents who supported me financially and emotionally. Italy was the most amazing experience of my life, and people still ask me about my time in Ariccia, and every day, I can relate situations to my lessons learned and experienced during my studies abroad. I have been beyond blessed in my life, and looking back, I realize most people don't experience in their lifetime what I experienced in a summer. Thank you to the College of Human Sciences for providing such a unique opportunity to your students. I will forever be thankful.

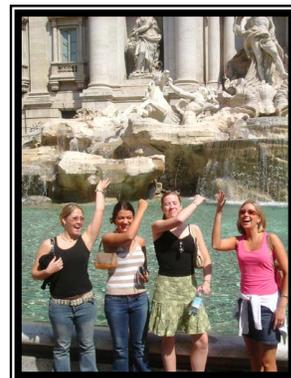
**Chasley Bellomy**, Hotel and Restaurant Management

The Italy program was the best thing I did in college! It was an incredible journey from Ariccia to Rome, from Venice to Pompeii, from Capri to Florence, and Milan to the Amalfi Coast and I was able to take this journey with 7 other wonderful girls and the incredible program. We all left Italy wanting to learn more, travel more, see more, experience more--the direct result of education at its best.

**Colleen Williams**, Human Development and Family Studies

Studying abroad gave me the opportunity to learn a kind of independence I had never had before. It gave me the confidence to move back to Italy and do my internship with an amazing designer.

**Libby Brackett**, Apparel Merchandising, Design and Production



## Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY PARENTS**

The following list has been compiled to provide more detailed answers to many frequently asked questions about the program. Hopefully, these questions will assist you in finding out more about the experience that your student is about to undertake.

### **What benefits does a student receive from participating in this program?**

The benefits of this program are endless because a study abroad experience is something that impacts a student's world view for the rest of his or her life. The students who have participated in the Ariccia, Italy program often speak of how their semester abroad was the best experience of their lives. Many come away from this program with an awareness of how they matured over the semester abroad. Their views of the world broaden, and they appreciate the differences between their culture and those cultures that are different from their own.

### **Will this program result in student delaying graduation beyond the normal four years?**

Many students matriculate in the normal four year term. The credits that your student will receive from the program can translate into an International Minor in Human Sciences. For some majors in the College of Human Sciences, these credits can fulfill some or all of the professional elective requirements needed in order to graduate. For example, Human Development and Family Studies majors may be able to use the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program to fulfill their internship requirements instead of receiving the International Minor. All students should speak to an academic advisor as soon as they start thinking about the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program in order to determine the most effective way this study abroad experience can be incorporated into the student's curriculum requirements. Advisors will do everything they can to help create a workable schedule for the student.

### **Is a passport required?**

Yes! All students need a passport in order to leave the country. Your student will need to apply for a new passport if he or she has never had one before, if the passport was issued before his or her 16th birthday, or if the passport is more than 10 years old. Apply for a passport at the Lee County Justice Center, 2311 Gateway Drive, Opelika (Phone: 334 737-3526). To apply for a new passport, the following information will be needed:

- Application Form
- Proof of citizenship (an original birth certificate or a previous passport)
- Proof of identity (driver's license or a previous passport)
- Two identical 2" x 2" passport photos taken within six months\*\*
- Fees (\$100 for a new passport or to renew)

Allow a minimum of 8 weeks for processing. (This should be taken care of as soon as possible). If your passport's expiration date is any earlier than 6 months after your planned return date, you will need to renew your passport before departure. This can be done by mail - see the State Department Passport Web Site for a downloadable form to renew by mail. This site also contains information about how to expedite the passport if needed more quickly. (This information was taken from the Auburn Study Abroad web page at [www.auburn.edu/international](http://www.auburn.edu/international). Please contact Auburn University's Office of International Programs if you have any questions about how to apply for a passport for your student – and for yourself if you plan to visit!)

\*\* For the program application, 2 more copies of passport size/type photos are suggested. These do not need to be the same exact photo that is in the passport. In order to save money, it is recommended that you have the first set of passport photos taken and then take those two photos to a Wal-Mart or drugstore photo-center and then duplicate them on one of the self-service photo-copier machines.

**What are the program costs?**

See pages 9-10 of this booklet for information on program costs.

**Can scholarships help cover the cost of the program?**

Entering Freshman Scholarship, General University Scholarship, and External Scholarship funds can be applied during terms in which students are participating in study abroad. Scholarship funds are paid at the beginning of the term assuming the student plans to enroll for a minimum 12 credit hours. PACT, prepaid college tuition, can also be applied towards the study abroad semester. To determine how these scholarships will apply, in your student's case, please contact the University Scholarship Office at 334 – 844 – 2320. Please keep in mind that your student's scholarships may be for a set number of semesters and that if your student takes longer to graduate because of participation, the number of eligible scholarship semesters may still remain the same.

**What are the payment options for the program?**

Once the **non-refundable** deposit is made, the payment of the program fees is handled through the Auburn University Bursar's Office. The remainder of the program fee (minus the deposit) is due at the *first payment date* for the study abroad semester per the annual billing schedule. This schedule can be found under the link for "Billing Dates", [http://www.auburn.edu/administration/business\\_office/pdf/billing\\_13-14.pdf](http://www.auburn.edu/administration/business_office/pdf/billing_13-14.pdf).

**Are there costs in addition to the program fee?**

The amount of money students spend outside of program fees varies widely. When looking at a recent semester, the average of expenses outside of the program fee was around \$4,800 (excluding roundtrip airfare to Italy). This average was taken from amounts reported by students in the areas of food, travel, phone, gifts, and miscellaneous. Most often, the largest amount of extra expenses was spent on optional travel. Some students spend less and some students more. This amount is also affected by the current exchange rate. It is suggested you work out a financial spending plan with your student before he/she departs.

**How is money handled in Italy? What arrangements should I make before leaving the U.S.?**

We strongly recommend a debit or ATM card AND a credit card, both with a 4-digit numerical pin. However, it should be noted that many places in Italy do not accept any kind of plastic or traveler's checks. There are different systems by which debit and credit cards are issued. These are distinguished through small icons on the backside of a card. The most commonly found systems in Italy are CIRBUS and NYCE, so it is helpful to have cards issued that are on these systems, otherwise, the cards are useless for ATM withdrawal. Students should NOT bring traveler's checks because they are very difficult to cash in a small town such as Ariccia. It is also recommended that before leaving for Italy, students obtain 175 Euros at the bank, or at an exchange booth at the airport, so that they have a small amount of the European currency on hand when they arrive for food and their phones and SIM cards.

**What precautions have been taken to ensure the students' safety?**

Students are allowed to travel independently on the weekends. Many students take full advantage of this and travel to places both in and outside of Italy. Whenever a student is participating in optional travel, he/she is required to file all information on their travel (accommodations, flight numbers, train numbers, and other) with the Auburn faculty member before their departure. Daily online announcements are made by the U. S. State Department on the status of safe travel in countries outside of the United States. The faculty member accompanying your student abroad is aware of these announcements and is advised as to what she needs to do if the safety of your student is compromised because of a change in political/social/terrorist activity or natural disaster.

**Will my normal medical insurance cover my child while he or she is abroad?**

Part of your student's program fees cover enrollment in MEDEX – a mandatory health care insurance to cover your child while he/ she is abroad. MEDEX is not a substitute for a U.S. health care policy.

**What immunizations are required before entrance into Italy?**

Students are required to have a medical check-up before studying abroad. If immunizations are not current, plan to have those inoculations administered at least 4-6 weeks before departure. The web page: [www.cdc.gov/travel/](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/) provides current general health precautions and vaccinations recommended for any countries that your student plans on visiting. Recommendations for immunizations include Hepatitis A and Typhoid. Boosters for Tetanus, Diphtheria, Measles, and Hepatitis B may be required for students choosing travel on their own to specified countries. **A flu shot is strongly recommended for Fall and Spring semesters.** Also, make sure to have an ample supply of the prescription/over-the-counter drugs possibly needed for the duration of the study abroad experience.

### What can I expect with regard to health care in Italy?

If your student needs medical care while abroad, he/she should contact program staff who will set up both medical appointments and MedEx insurance file. An incident form then needs to be filed with Auburn's Office of International Education through the Auburn University resident faculty member in charge of the program.

### If a parent or family would like to visit during the program, can they stay with the student? What accommodations do you recommend? When is my student free from class to travel independently with family?

Your student will share space with other students in a dormitory style arrangement. Thus, staying with your student is not an option. Instead, you can make reservations at the Hotel Villa Aricia, which is within walking distance to the students' accommodations. For more information visit the website: [http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy/files/travel\\_info.pdf](http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy/files/travel_info.pdf). It is suggested that you make these reservations as soon as possible in order to find the best availability. Students are free to travel independently on weekends or during semester breaks. Family and friends are encouraged to visit during the midterm break. However, extended stays and/or visits during the school week at other times during the semester are **strongly discouraged**.

Regarding Parents, friends, and other guests, the following policy will apply:

*Anyone who requests the services of Interlinea srl (our contractor's business) should do so with the expectation that they will pay for those services. Currently, when Interlinea books hotels or makes other reservations for guests, they are assessed 15% of the cost of the reservations. Other requests for service that do not relate directly to the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program should be negotiated directly with Interlinea – [mqa@interlineagroup.com](mailto:mqa@interlineagroup.com).*

Finally, any requests for services or information that relate directly to the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program should be sent to Linda Ruth – [ruthlin@auburn.edu](mailto:ruthlin@auburn.edu).

### How do I contact my student while she/he is abroad?

The best program that students have been using to contact home is a computer program called Skype. This program allows students to call home over the internet. The phone call is connected to your home computer and you speak to each other using headsets. The student must bring his/her own headset, because these are not provided by the program. Skype also includes a feature where the installation of a webcam at the parent's residence and at the student's computer in Italy allows for video phone calls. These webcam sets can easily be purchased from Wal-Mart or Best Buy in sets of two for under \$30. It provides a unique way to communicate with your child while he/she is abroad. Skype can also be used to call land lines or cell phones at rates that tend to be quite reasonable (usually about 2 cents a minute).

### How can I contact the faculty on the trip in the case of an emergency?

You will be given the phone numbers for all of the faculty members, the Palace, and the Auburn Abroad Coordinator in the Office of International Education before your student departs.

### What is my student's mailing address?

For packages and routine mail:

Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy  
c/o Palazzo Chigi in Ariccia  
Via del Parco 149  
00040 Ariccia (Rome) ITALY

For credit/ATM cards:

Interlinea srl  
Via Vittorio Veneto 146  
00187 Rome, Italy  
Attn: Roberta Londi  
(and student's name)

### How can I ship packages to Italy and how long should it take them to arrive?

The mailing address for students is listed above. Mail in Italy, however, is not always reliable. Large and heavy packages are often assessed fees which the student will have to pay when the package arrives in Ariccia. There have been instances of packages being lost in the mail, significantly delayed, or returned to the sender. Because of these obstacles, it is recommended that you do not send packages to Italy. If you must send a package, it is recommended that you limit packages to small dimensions and weights, and definitely do not send anything of value that would cause grief if lost. In the past, many students have requested large packages of clothing to be sent because they had not packed appropriately for the weather they were experiencing. In an instance such as this, if a family member or friend will be visiting Ariccia during the semester, perhaps they can bring an extra piece of luggage with them. As for the length of shipping time, it reflects the reliability of the

mail service. Unfortunately, there is no way to guarantee any arrival time of packages shipped from the United States to Italy or vice versa. Shipping services such as FEDEX, UPS, or DHL can give approximate arrival dates, however, these are not guaranteed.

All packages sent to students should be marked **“PERSONAL ITEMS—NOT FOR RE-SALE”** on the customs form. It is common for students to have to pay large customs fees to retrieve their packages if packages do not include this information. Letters and cards that fit in the mail slot are always appreciated by students.

**Do the students travel over together on the same flight or on their own?**

The student will book his or her own flight; however, all of the students are asked to make arrangements to arrive on the same day. This allows the freedom to find the cheapest flight possible, using either points, miles, or websites offering lower fares such as [www.studentuniverse.com](http://www.studentuniverse.com), [www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com), [www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com), [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com), [www.usair.com](http://www.usair.com), [www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com), [www.hotwire.com](http://www.hotwire.com) or other discount flight options. Some students have inquired about stand-by flight options. This option is not recommended because of the unreliability of arrival times and dates associated with this kind of travel. All of the students are required to arrive in Italy by the beginning date of the program.

There are also different discount flight options for travel within Europe. Some of these sites are: [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com), [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com), [www.windjet.com](http://www.windjet.com). [http://wikitravel.org/en/Discount\\_airlines\\_in\\_Europe](http://wikitravel.org/en/Discount_airlines_in_Europe) offers a very convenient and comprehensive list of discount airlines in Europe and links to their websites. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THESE AIRLINES AS CONNECTORS WHEN FLYING FROM THE U.S. BECAUSE THEY HAVE VERY RESTRICTIVE LUGGAGE REQUIREMENTS THAT MIGHT RESULT IN PAYING LARGE FEES.



Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED  
QUESTIONS BY STUDENTS**

**What are the classes I will be taking while I am in Italy?**

See page 8.

**Will these classes be applied to my degree and help in approaching graduation?**

After completion of this program, you will receive 16 semester hours of course credit. By completing these hours, most undergraduate students (except for HDFS students who use the experience in lieu of an internship) receive an International Minor in Human Sciences. It is quite uncommon to be able to do one semester abroad, receive a minor and not have to take any additional classes for the minor after you return. If you are in the College of Human Sciences, these hours may count towards your required professional electives, as well. See the Academic Affairs Office for specific information.

**Will the classes be in English?**

With few exceptions, all classes are taught in English. If they are not, a translator will be present. We are fortunate to have the luxury of being taught by Italians who speak our language.

**Is it necessary to know any Italian before beginning the program?**

No. You do not need to speak Italian for this program. You will learn a few Italian phrases in the pre-departure sessions before you leave for Italy and once there, you will continue building a basic vocabulary in Survival Italian classes. Most students do well with this amount of Italian language skills. However, we strongly encourage you to use the time before your semester in Italy to study the Italian language. This is not a requirement, but any learning of the language that you can do beforehand will greatly enhance your experience and allow you to more quickly adapt to your new environment. Along with Italian language classes that are offered at Auburn University, there are many excellent language learning programs that are commercially available. Some of them are rather pricey, so choose carefully. There are also numerous smart phone apps that are very inexpensive but are a great way to begin learning the basics. For iPhone users, 24/7 Italian Lite is a great introduction to the language.

**How much does the average student spend while in Italy?**

The amount of money students spend outside of program fees varies widely. When looking at the recent semesters, the averages of expenses outside of the program fee were around \$4,800 (excluding roundtrip airfare to Italy). This average was taken from amounts reported by students in the areas of food, travel, phone, gifts, and miscellaneous. Most often the largest amount of extra expenses was spent on travel. Some students spend less and some students spend three times more. This amount is also affected by the current exchange rate. It is suggested that you develop a financial spending plan with your student before leaving for Italy.

**Will I need an Italian cell phone?**

Cell phones are an important part in enhancing the safety and security of students participating in Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy. Students who participate in the program are required to have a functioning cell phone with an Italian SIM card with them at all times. Students pay a nominal fee of 10 Euro for the provision and use of an Italian cell phone equipped with an Italian SIM card and charger while they are in Italy. The phones provided work very well throughout Italy, as well as in other European countries and can also be used for calling and receiving calls from the United States. Cell phones will be issued upon a student's arrival in Ariccia and the payment of the 10 Euro usage fee. Immediately following the issuing of cell phones, students will be assisted in purchasing talk/text minutes in the amount of 50 Euro.

**What if I decide not to travel during the midterm break or on a particular weekend?**

Although almost all students travel during the midterm break, and many travel on weekends, there are circumstances in which students might choose to remain in the housing facility during these periods. Students who remain in the housing facility during weekends and/or the midterm break should be aware that they might be in the facility alone or with only a few other students and that a graduate assistant might not be overseeing the housing facility during these periods.

**What is the best semester to participate in the program?**

All three semesters are wonderful times to visit Italy. They each have their own charms. In Fall semester the vineyards and

wine are in full operation as it is harvest time for grapes, there are fewer tourists, and the weather is very nice. Spring semester has Easter time and Carnivale, with fewer tourists as well. Summer semester in Italy can be quite warm and air conditioning is very limited especially in the smaller towns. However, Southern Italy, at this time, caters to vacationers with beautiful beaches and blue water. This semester has the most tourists.

#### **What are the accommodations like?**

See our campus at: [www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy/files/campus.pdf](http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/italy/files/campus.pdf). Accommodations for Auburn students will be dorm-style at the Chigi Palace or in small apartments nearby. In addition to a sleeping area, students will have a kitchen for preparing meals/snacks and access to laundry facilities in the Chigi Palace housing space.

Male students will be lodged in a separate facility within easy walking distance of the Chigi Palace. Male students will have access to the kitchen and common room of the Chigi Palace campus at any time and must follow all rules and procedures outlined in the Chigi Palace Housing Policies document.

#### **How should I dress while in Italy?**

Students are asked to dress respectfully and modestly at all times. It is important from a security stand point for you to fit into the Italian culture and to not stand out. Students must come to class dressed in street clothing that is respectful of the Italian culture. You will learn more about appropriate dress in your pre-departure online class.

#### **Will I be okay if I don't already know anyone going during my semester?**

Numerous students have taken part in the study abroad experience without having known anyone else in their group. That is the true advantage of our program. The small size allows you to meet and form close friendships with the other students on the trip. Many classes still stay in close contact after returning to the States having reunions just for the fun of it!

#### **How many bags am I allowed to take with me?**

This depends on your airline. You MUST check your individual airline's bag and weight restrictions for international flights. It may differ and the fees may be exorbitantly priced if you exceed the allowed limit. Also, after returning home many students believe that they took too many things with them to Italy.

Additionally, it also is important for students to know baggage size and weight restrictions for European airlines for independent travel because they differ from international restrictions and large penalties are imposed for luggage that is too large and heavy.

#### **What if I arrive early or depart later than the designated dates of the program?**

You may schedule your flights as you wish, however, the housing accommodations for the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy will be only open from the first scheduled date of the program till the last day of the program. If your travel arrangements require lodging prior to, or after, the schedule dates of the program, it is the student's responsibility to secure lodging and transportation. Expenses related to early arrival/late departure will be the responsibility of the student.

#### **Will I be able to stay longer than the program dates?**

Auburn University will not accept responsibility for you staying in Italy longer than the length of the program (official arrival and departure days). In any case, by law you are not allowed to remain in Europe for more than 90 days in any given six month period.



Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy  
**REFUND POLICY**

***Please read refund policy carefully before submitting the non-refundable deposit.***

**Applications and non-refundable deposit check for \$1,500.00  
*made payable to:* Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy**

*submitted to:*  
**Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy  
College of Human Sciences  
108 Spidle Hall  
Auburn University, AL 36849-5601**

- ❖ **If the student fails to meet the required academic requirements for the Program after the Program Application/Fee has been paid, no refund shall be made. The GPA requirement will be checked and verified during the first week of the semester prior to leaving for Italy.**
- ❖ If a student withdraws from the Program following submission of application and deposit, no refund shall be made. However, on approval of the dean, students may transfer their non-refundable deposit to another term no more than four months from departure to Italy.
- ❖ If a student withdraws prior to departure and the first day of classes, for any reason except medical documentation of inability to meet the program requirements, no refund shall be made.
- ❖ If a student is forced to withdraw from the Program for documented medical reasons after final fees have been paid, but prior to the first day of classes, a prorated refund will be made by Auburn University (AU) based on uncommitted funds; should a student be required to withdraw for documented medical reasons following the start of classes every effort to provide a prorated refund will be made by AU based on uncommitted funds; however, in both cases, there should be no expectation of a refund. Students should be encouraged to acquire trip cancellation insurance to cover this contingency.
- ❖ AU will provide no refunds to students who withdraw for non-medical reasons once the Program has started, unless AU suspends the Program.
- ❖ In the event that AU should cancel the Program after achieving the required minimum number of students, but prior to receipt of the final payment from students, AU shall refund the Program Application/Deposit Fee.
- ❖ In the event of the U.S. State Department issuing a travel warning, which advises U.S. citizens not to travel to Italy, or if they are already in Italy, to leave, the Resident Director (RD) will:
  - If the Program has not started, either make suitable alternative arrangements or cancel the Program and refund all fees paid.
  - If the Program has started, suspend the Program and assist the participants in making all travel arrangements to return home. If participants are returned home, they will receive a pro-rata rebate of recoverable fees paid to AU for the proportion of the Program not completed, less the 25% processing, insurance, service fee, and any costs incurred with making travel arrangements for flying the student home. All participants will be responsible for their own flight costs.
  - Participants not wishing to return to their home will be required to sign a release/acknowledgment of liability assuming full responsibility for their decision to not comply with AU policies.
- ❖ **Dismissal from the Program- If a student is dismissed from the Program for violations of the student conduct codes including drug use, alcohol abuse, sexual harassment, etc., they will receive no refund of their fees from AU.**

Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy  
**APPLICATION/DEPOSIT  
AND SCHOLARSHIP  
DEADLINES**

<u>Term of Application</u>	<u>*Application, Deposit and Scholarship Deadline</u>
Summer 2014	**January 14, 2014
Fall 2014	**April 15, 2014
Spring 2015	**September 16, 2014
Summer 2015	**January 14, 2015

**\*\*Note:**

Program applications will be accepted until all slots in a given semester are filled. You may place your name on a wait list, when the semester is full.

Slots fill quickly and students are encouraged to submit applications well before the published deadline to avoid missing the opportunity to participate.

Scholarship applications will not be considered after the deadline above.

- ❖ The balance of the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy fee (fee minus the deposit) will show on your e-bill the same date as if you were taking classes on the Auburn campus and will be **due on the first payment due date** for the corresponding semester that you will be in Italy.
- ❖ The Alabama Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) Plan may be used for this program as well as other types of financial aid and scholarships. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for specific information regarding your individual situation.

Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy  
**PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**Indicate Study Abroad Term:**

- Fall 2014
- Fall 2015
- Fall 2016

- Spring 2015
- Spring 2016
- Spring 2017

- Summer 2015
- Summer 2016
- Summer 2017

Name (full) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name (nickname) \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# **90** \_\_\_\_\_ Classification @ semester abroad \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address w/ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

GPA\* (institutional) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**A MINIMUM 2.25 GPA IS REQUIRED; STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED GPA BY THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SEMESTER PRIOR TO THE SEMESTER STUDYING ABROAD**

(ex: Fall semester abroad, GPA will be checked first week of Summer semester).

All costs and fees associated with this program are subject to change based on exchange rate and program increases. Program costs are determined by semester of participation regardless of date of application and deposit costs.

**Please provide:**

- A brief statement of why you want to participate in Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program.
- Include a description of any previous international experiences you have had.
- Include a copy of your resume.

*Please initial by each statement below:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I will be 19 years of age by my semester abroad*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I understand the deposit is non-refundable*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I understand I must have a 2.25 GPA by the first week of the semester prior to the Italy departure*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**"I approve the release of my name to the Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy program tentative participant list."** *The list may be shared with other students interested in attending the program. By signing this statement, you are releasing your name to other students interested in attending the program.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Signature**

<b>Faculty References**:</b>	Name	Email
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

\*\*Please inform each faculty reference that they may be sent a reference evaluation form to complete and return.

