

Living and studying in Italy offers an unparalleled opportunity to explore history, art, and culture in the cradle of Western civilization. You can study history in the midst of ancient ruins, and art history while viewing great masterpieces firsthand. At the same time, you can take pleasure from the natural beauty, charm, and ambiance of Italy.

## **UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DELL'AQUILA**

*Undergraduate Program*

*Semester and Year Programs*

*Summer Language Program*

The intimacy of a small city combined with a strong cultural base makes L'Aquila the perfect location for experiencing Italian culture. This charming university town is also the capital of the Abruzzo region of central Italy.

Rich in history, music, and art, L'Aquila still retains many of its original 99 medieval churches, fountains, and squares. A friendly town of around 100,000 people, L'Aquila has small student cafes, and offers a variety of recreational activities, including skiing and hiking in the nearby mountains. In addition, students can easily travel to Rome or to Pescara, on the Adriatic coast, by car or bus.

Originally established in 1459, the Università degli Studi dell'Aquila is now one of the most prestigious in Italy. In fact, it is the country's third-ranked university in student-faculty ratio, variety of courses, and number of laboratories. The university has approximately 11,000 students, many of whom come from cities in central and southern Italy. All coursework is in Italian.

The academic year at the Università degli Studi dell'Aquila is divided into four quarters, and each quarter is called a "ciclo." Semester students will stay for only two quarters. Beginning and ending dates of individual classes vary, and are generally left to the discretion of the various schools (called "faculties") within the university. Academic year courses begin in October, have a month-long break in February, and end in June. Students may also enroll just for the spring semester.

[www.univaq.it](http://www.univaq.it)

### **Academic Areas**

Humanities  
Natural Sciences  
Social Sciences  
Business  
Film Studies  
Foreign Languages

### **Prerequisites**

A minimum of three semesters of college Italian or an equivalent level of proficiency in Italian.

Minimum 2.5 GPA.

### **Room and Board**

Students are responsible for arranging their own accommodations. It is advisable to arrive a few weeks early to secure an apartment before school begins. The university has three cafeterias: near the Casa dello Studente, in the Engineering building, and in the Science building.

### **Program Dates**

Full year: Early October to mid-June  
Fall: Early October to late January  
Spring: Late February to mid-June

## **UNIVERSITA CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE (UCSC)**

*Milan*

*Undergraduate Program*

*Semester or Year Program*

UCSC was founded in 1921, and has 30,000 students on the Milan campus. Formerly a monastery and adjacent to the 12th century Church of Saint Ambrose, the campus is picturesque and serene. Milan is a fast-paced, enterprising, vibrant city on the cutting edge of almost everything; design, fashion, finance, music and culture flourish in this modern metropolis. Located in northern Italy, Milan is an excellent base to discover Italy as well as neighboring European countries such as France, Switzerland, and Austria.

[www.unicatt.it](http://www.unicatt.it)

### **University Courses**

Students take a combination of the following options:

Pre-semester intensive Italian language (2 weeks)  
Semester-long Italian language  
Regular USCS classes taught in Italian  
USCS classes taught in English (C.A.S.E.)  
IES Milan classes taught in English (maximum of two)

## Academic Areas

Arts and Humanities          Social Sciences  
Business

## Prerequisites

Minimum 3.0 GPA. This program is limited to three semester exchange places. A minimum of two semesters of college Italian or an equivalent level of proficiency in Italian.

## Program Dates

Fall Semester: Early September to mid-December  
Spring semester: Early February to early-July

## Room and Board

USCS will facilitate housing in a student residence hall, if available. Most rooms are singles with access to shared bathroom and kitchen facilities, however en-suite rooms may be available.

## Estimated Expenses\*

|                    | Semester     | Year         |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| UM Tuition         | \$17,103     | \$34,206     |
| Room and Board     | \$4,400      | \$8,400      |
| Health Insurance   | \$650        | \$1,300      |
| Books and Supplies | \$400        | \$800        |
| IIEEP Fee          | <u>\$150</u> | <u>\$300</u> |
| TOTAL              | \$22,703     | \$45,006     |

\* All expense information is based on our best estimates. UM tuition is based on 2008-2009 rates. Room and board for the Milan program will be an additional \$2,400.

Personal expenses such as laundry, entertainment, and local transportation are approximately \$2,000 per semester. Additional student expenses will vary according to individual spending habits and travel. Expenses also may increase or decrease depending on the exchange rate at the time of study.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Application Deadlines

Fall or Year:      March 1  
Spring:            October 1  
Summer:          March 1

### Requirements

- Completed application, signed by your academic advisor
- Essay
- Two faculty recommendations

- Official transcript
- Foreign language evaluation form
- Personal interview
- \$500 nonrefundable deposit is due upon acceptance (deducted from program cost)

## Academic Credit

Students are registered at the University of Miami and earn 12-18 undergraduate or credits per semester for all approved courses. Upon completion of the courses overseas, a transcript from the overseas university will be sent to the IIEEP office. The grades and credits will be converted to UM grades and credits according to the Grading Scale established by International Admission. The course titles, grades, and credits will be reported to the Registrar and placed on your UM transcript. Non-UM students will receive a UM transcript, and one will be sent to the Registrar of your home university.

## Travel Arrangements

Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

## Financial Aid

Most forms for University of Miami financial aid are available to UM students studying abroad. Students receiving financial aid from other institutions should contact their financial aid office to determine if the aid is transferable. Students should also check the study abroad website for other scholarships that may be applicable for their study abroad program: [www.miami.edu/studyabroad](http://www.miami.edu/studyabroad).

## Medical Insurance

Participants are required to secure health insurance to provide adequate coverage for any injuries and/or illnesses that they may sustain or experience while participating in the program, including coverage for medical evacuation and repatriation of remains.

## Passport and Visa

A valid passport is required for travel abroad. Students should inquire at the U.S. Passport Agency in their city or contact their local U.S. Post Office for information. Student visa information will be provided upon acceptance.

### International Education and Exchange Programs

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