Summer Study Abroad in Italy 2018
For Education Majors

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Dates: May 4 – May 31, 2018

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Overview: Each fall, approximately 40 education majors across several universities will be selected to participate in a unique summer study abroad program based in Carpi, Italy, a town of approximately 69,000 in Northern Italy near Bologna. During the study abroad, each student will stay with and become a part of an Italian host family. Each student will also be placed in a classroom to work mornings with teachers and children in an Italian preschool, elementary or middle school. This program provides a deep and memorable cross-cultural experience that expose participants to Italian culture and its education system, which is well known for innovative approaches to early childhood education (e.g., Reggio Emilia).

Credit: C&T 649/749 An International Teaching Experience, 3 credits, from the University of Kansas

Language requirement: Prior knowledge of Italian is not necessary. However, participants are encouraged to sign up for a non-credit Italian language class through a local organization or to engage in self-study. In most cases at least one member of a host family will speak some English and some participants will work with an English teacher during part of their time in a classroom (English is a required subject in most schools in Northern Italy beginning in preschool).

Activities: The study abroad program is primarily field based with participants’ observing/teaching mornings in Italian classrooms and completing blog assignments. There will also be many whole-group activities during the program (e.g., visiting special schools), as well as free time for travel with families and limited independent travel to nearby cities such as Bologna, Mantova, Modena, and Verona (independent travel after the conclusion of the program is encouraged). Arrangements will be made for a whole-group trip to Florence one weekend and Venice another weekend with much free time for independent exploration. Several field trips are also planned including tours of special schools of interest and visits to cultural sites. A traditional highlight is a final party at a villa in Carpi for all participants, their teachers, and host families.

Please note that we depart before final exams. You will need talk with your instructors before or by January to be sure they are willing to make accommodations for your final exams.

Faculty: Dr. Barbara A. Bradley, Professor, Reading Education barbarab@ku.edu
This will be Dr. Bradley’s 18th year with the program.

Contact Rebecca Triatik (triatikr@missouri.edu)
Study Abroad Advisor at (573) 882-6007, MU International Center, to learn about MU study abroad policies and procedures

Dr. Bradley will be visiting MU on Friday, September 22 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
204 Townsend

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**Estimated Cost**: Cost varies depending on whether an MU student enrolls in undergraduate or graduate credit, or is considered in-state or out-of-state student by MU. Cost also fluctuates due to issues such as airfare and exchange rate. However, the estimated base cost for an MU student taking 3 undergraduate credit hours is ~$6,600, which includes all basic expenses (e.g., KU tuition; KU Office of Study Abroad fees; KU fee for non-KU students; MU Office of Study Abroad Fee; round-trip airfare based on program dates; course materials; in-country transportation; lodging & most meals). MU students, who are considered out-of-state state by MU, are also required to pay additional out-of-state tuition retained by MU.

Of the estimated base cost (~$6,600) students will:

- Pay the MU Office of Study Abroad administrative fee ($400), MU Information Technology fee ($40.47) and MU Mandatory Study Abroad Health Insurance fee ($35).
- Be billed tuition by MU for 3 credits (~$846 for 3 undergraduate credits). MU will forward the appropriate amount to cover KU tuition. This “billing agreement” allow MU students to apply for financial aid for this program. **Important Note**: Students with out-of-state status at MU will be billed out-of-state tuition by MU and MU will retain that portion of the tuition.
- Work with and pay airfare (~$1,450) to our travel agent located in Clemson, South Carolina. Cost may vary if a student chooses to stay longer for independent travel.
- Be billed by KU for the remaining program costs (~$3,770). Of this amount, approximately $2,500 will be forwarded to our Italian colleagues to pay for their business expenses (e.g., making student placements with families and schools, translating documents, arranging and paying for in-country transportation and rooms in Venice & Florence)

Other costs include: Your passport ($135), if needed, and a non-credit Italian language class if offered in the spring (~$60), and if it fits with your school/work schedule. Other expenses include small gifts for your host family and class (less than $50 is recommended), pizza and gelato for you host siblings during group dinners (~$50) and souvenirs, incidentals, and some meals during trips to Florence and Venice (~ $500 is recommended). Finally, optional guided tours in Florence and Venice may be arranged at an additional cost: **Florence**: Uffizi Museo ~$30 – 2 ½ hours; Accidental Tourist – hiking or cooking in Tuscany ~$120 – all day **Venice**: Palazzo Ducale ~$20 – 2 ½ hours.

**Accommodations**: Volunteer host families providing lodging and most meals. Families are carefully selected and matched to participants’ special needs and interests by the Victoria Language Centre, a local organization in Carpi with many years of successful experience arranging home stays for American students with Italian families. Many families have previously hosted American students.

**Requirements**:
- Education major in good academic standing
- Personal phone interview conducted after a screening of online applications in the Fall 2017
- Commitment to prepare for the study abroad program during the Spring 2018 semester (e.g., several group meetings, readings, and assignments)
- Talk with your instructors before or by the end of January 2018 to be sure they are willing to make accommodations for your final exams (we depart on Stop/Reading Day)
- Contact Kelly Reilly (reillyka@missouri.edu) Study Abroad Advisor at (573) 882-6007, MU International Center, to learn about MU study abroad policies and procedures

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**Applications are due by Monday, October 23, 2017**

Apply online: [https://collegeofed.sites.clemson.edu/italy/](https://collegeofed.sites.clemson.edu/italy/)

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