BROWN IN ITALY

The ancient city of Bologna is one of Europe’s great centers of learning and a superbly preserved jewel of medieval charm. Its celebrated University is the oldest in Europe and has a proud history of dynamic, well-respected scholars like Dante, Petrarch, Erasmus, and Copernicus. Today, the intellectual climate continues to flourish in a city endowed with a wealth of cultural amenities and a politically and socially engaged population. Located in Italy’s breadbasket, Bologna is also renowned for serving up the finest cuisine in Italy. It is an important cultural, social, political, and economic center that retains a vitality that will challenge and delight those who study in Bologna.

Academics
The program begins with a one-month orientation program in Bologna. Following the orientation, students choose three semester courses from any combination of the eighteen facoltà (schools) at the University of Bologna. The university offers a full liberal arts curriculum from which student on the Brown program may select their courses.

Host Institution
The University of Bologna, which began as a law school in the Middle Ages, recently celebrated its ninth centennial. Founded in 1088, it is the oldest continuing institution of higher learning in Europe and possibly the world. Among its alumni are Thomas Aquinas and Italy’s most famous writers, Dante, Petrarch and Torquato Tasso. Part of the national system of higher education, the University is a large public institution with over 90,000 students. The University buildings and the student life are an important part of the city.

Housing
Students live in Brown-rented apartments with fellow students from the program and one or two Italian students. The apartments are fully furnished, and each student has a single room. All apartments are located in beautiful and convenient areas of town.

Global Independent Study Projects (GLISPs) in Italy
Brown students are encouraged to pursue a Global Independent Study Project (GLISP) as part of their study abroad experience. GLISPs provide a way to tie your study abroad experience to the Brown curriculum, creating opportunities for student/faculty interaction that reflect collaborative learning at its best. Some examples of GLISPs completed by Brown students studying abroad in Italy include:

• The Study of Modern Italian Humor and Its Cultural and Literary Roots
• The Culture of Organic Farming: A Comparison Between the United States and Italy
On-site Support
Brown-appointed site staff assists students upon arrival and throughout their stay in Italy. The program staff arranges housing, conducts the orientation with the assistance of the language teachers, provides tutoring and advising, sets up excursions, liaises with the universities, and supervises all aspects of the program.

Eligibility and Requirements
The Brown in Italy program is open to undergraduate students from Brown and other institutions.

Students must be in good academic standing and have completed three semesters of college-level Italian, or the equivalent, with a B or better before beginning studies in Italy.

Program Options
Offered fall semester, spring semester, and full academic year.

Program Dates
Fall: early August – mid-December
Spring: early January – early June

For more information about the Brown in the Italy program, including detailed cost breakdowns, application deadlines and program dates, please visit www.brown.edu/OIP.

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