Brown In Italy Program

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.

At A Glance

**Program Dates:** Fall semester (late August – mid-December) or spring semester (early January – early June) or full academic year (late August – early June)

**Language of Instruction:** Italian

**Housing:** Single rooms in shared, furnished apartments with fellow students from the program and local Italian students

**Eligibility:** Open to Brown and visiting undergraduate students.

**Requirements:** Students must be in good academic standing and must have completed Intermediate Italian/ITAL 0300 (third semester college-level Italian language), or the equivalent, before beginning studies in Italy.

**Courses**
The program begins with a required, credit-bearing pro-seminar during the first month in Bologna. In addition to the pro-seminar, students choose three semester courses from any combination of the 11 scuole (schools) at the University of Bologna (UniBo). UniBo offers a full liberal arts curriculum from which students on the Brown program may select courses.

**Host Institution**
The University of Bologna, which began as a law school in the Middle Ages, was 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, UniBo is a large public institution with over 90,000 students. The University buildings and the student life are an important part of the city.

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