Cultural Partners

Ca' Foscari University graduate students serve as Cultural Partners who meet regularly with program students to provide a local perspective into Italian language and culture. They are involved in many aspects of the program allowing for regular interaction between program students and Italian students.

Housing

Students live in shared, furnished apartments located throughout the main island of Venice.

Academic Program

The Department of Art History and Archaeology and the Department of Italian offer a summer program based at Ca' Foscari University in Venice. The program uses an interdisciplinary approach to understanding Italian culture through study of its language, literature/film, architecture, art history and conservation, and economy. Students have the opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation of the rich Venetian culture, traditions and history. The program is open to qualified undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and Italy.

Elementary Track

No Italian language required. Students enroll in:
- Intensive Elementary Italian, 6 pts;
- Plus one Art History or Italian Cultural Studies course.

Intermediate Track

One year of Italian or the equivalent required. Students enroll in:
- Intensive Intermediate Italian, 6 pts;
- Plus one Art History or Italian Cultural Studies course.

Art History Track

No Italian language required. Students enroll in:
- Art in Venice, 3 pts; plus
- Venetian Palazzi, 3 pts. OR
- Introduction to the Conservation of Venice's Built Heritage, 4 pts.

Italian Cultural Studies Track

Students take two courses chosen from Art History (see above) and/or the below:
- Venice and Modernity, 3 pts.
- Economy and Society, 3 pts.
- Diversity in Italy (taught in Italian), 3 pts.