Semester Length Programs – Italian Studies

- What?

Students in the Italian Studies Program are strongly encouraged to participate in a Study Abroad experience. As part of their undergraduate degree they have the opportunity to study for one semester in one of our Italian partner universities. They may enrol in any of the undergraduate subjects/units offered by the Arts Faculty of these universities. In addition you may choose to participate in an undergraduate internship at Prato.

Students may take from 6 up to 24 points credit for their study at the host university. They will also be required to participate in the orientation language programmes offered to international students by the host university.

We have exchanges with the Universities of Bologna and Florence. Both these universities are in close proximity of our Monash Prato Centre which functions as a further support structure during their period in Italy.

Students enrolled in a Monash double degree may also have the possibility of combining their areas of studies with other faculties related to their degree. The choice is generally made on the basis of the student’s interest and expertise in the chosen area of study and in consultation with their home faculty study abroad coordinator.

Students enrolled in Arts/BusEco have also the choice of studying at Bocconi University (Milan) and at the University of Turin.

- Who?

Only students who have completed at least Proficient 2 in Italian Studies and have obtained a credit average are eligible to participate in this semester-length immersion program. Instructions at our partner universities will be in Italian only.

- When?

Closing dates for application will be given in the “General Information” section of the website.
Students normally go on exchange during the second semester of their second year or the first semester of their third year. They need to complete the last 6 points of their degree at Monash. In choosing an appropriate time to go, students should be mindful that first semester in Italy starts in mid-September and ends around the 20th of December. Students intending to attend this semester have to arrive at the beginning of September in order to sit for a language proficiency test which assesses the level of the intensive language course they are to attend. Second semester starts at the beginning of March and finishes at the end of June. Language placements test for semester two are in early to mid-January.

Students should consult with the Italian Study Abroad Program coordinator regarding their intended study plan

- Where?

Please see above for a list of our partner universities in Italy

- How?

As a first step students should attend a Monash Study Abroad information session. Planning should start at least a semester prior to departure.

Study Abroad staff will assess and provide assistance with enrolment overseas, grants and other financial help available, as well as support during your stay in Italy.

Students need to seek approval from the Monash Abroad that they have a placement at the host university.

Students should also arrange a meeting with the Faculty of Arts Study Abroad/Exchange enrolments coordinator in order to discuss how your overseas study plan fits in with your overall degree structure.

Assessment will be based on a final oral examination upon return conducted by Italian Staff at Monash and on the results obtained at the Italian University.

The Study Abroad coordinator for Italian Studies (Dr Annamaria Pagliaro) will assist in defining your study plan.