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**THE MARIST BRANCH CAMPUS IN FLORENCE, ITALY  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LORENZO DE' MEDICI INSTITUTE**

**Bachelor Degree Programs • Master's in Museum Studies  
Freshman Florence Experience • Study Abroad • Summer Pre-College**



# Florence: a great place to study!

Partnered with one of the most established and innovative educators in Florence – the Lorenzo de' Medici Institute – Marist College has offered study



abroad opportunities in Italy for more than three decades. With the formation of the Florence Branch Campus, Marist is now able to provide qualified students several unique programs taught in English. Marist offers a variety of **Four-Year Bachelor Degree Programs** (the only program in Florence that offers a U.S. bachelor's degree). Graduate students also have the unique opportunity to earn an **M.A. in Museum Studies**. This is a one-year program designed to combine on-site museum study in the Renaissance center. Graduate students will complete an internship in one of many locations around the world. In addition, for traditional undergraduate students looking to begin their global education early, they may spend their freshman year in Florence as part of the innovative

**Freshman Florence Experience.** High school juniors and seniors can get a head start on college and international life in the **Summer Pre-College Program**. Finally, the **Marist Abroad Program** offers semester and year-long study abroad placements in Florence during their college junior or senior year.

The branch campus is a symbol of Marist's commitment to global education; it provides students a unique opportunity to grow as world citizens. For those interested, the program offerings in Florence afford an education like no other. The Tuscan atmosphere allows Marist students to engage in a U.S.-style classroom environment while absorbing the educational resources of a significantly historic and inspirational European city. The partnership between Marist and the Lorenzo de' Medici Institute has truly fostered an international learning environment.

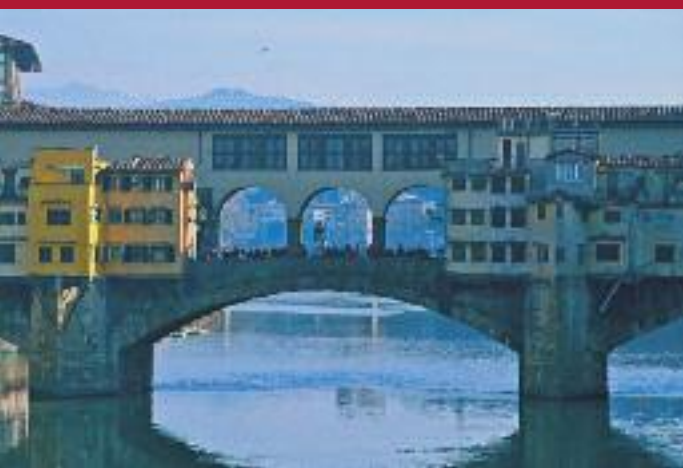


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Situated at the crossroads of industry, fashion, history, and tradition, Florence is home to the Renaissance art and culture of Western civilization. It remains a vital and active educational center and World Heritage Site. The fine arts, Italian language, and design degrees take ad-

vantage of every aspect the city has to offer. Students have the opportunity to intern in Italy's best museums, cultural and archeological associations, and world-renowned fashion houses, networking with some of the most important people in the city, the country, and the world.



# THE MARIST – LDM CAMPUS

*Florence, Italy is one of the world's cultural centers – as a living and learning environment, the Marist education is built on the strengths of the city.*

## **A Branch Campus**

The branch campus provides a Marist faculty and administrative presence on site in Italy. Extended student support is available in the form of academic and resident advisors, housing and student life resources, and coordination of courses and credits with the main campus in New York. Additionally, the branch campus allows students to access the services and facilities of the New York campus through advanced information technologies. The online library and digital resources, as well as campus information and communication, is as easily accessible from Florence as it is to students at the New York campus.

## **Facilities**

Buildings at the Florence campus contain a wide range of student facilities: numerous classrooms, large, specialized art studios, a cafe, courtyard garden, library, computer center, and wireless Internet all within walking distance of the city center.

## **The City as Classroom**

Students at the branch campus have access to the school's greatest resource: the city of Florence itself. The Florence campus is "a school without walls," encompassing 12 campus buildings within a few blocks inside the historic city center. In fact, some of the facilities themselves are part of Florence's rich history. One of the main campus buildings in Florence originated as a convent connected to the medieval church of San Jacopo in Campo Corbolini. This church, now deconsecrated, was founded in 1206 and for its first 100 years belonged to the Knights Templar. Rich in medieval frescoes and sculpture, the church has recently been restored and serves as the setting for campus conferences and receptions.





## The Freshman Florence Experience

*Gain real-world experience while taking foundation courses in the birthplace of the Renaissance by spending your freshman year in Florence, Italy!*

The **Freshman Florence Experience** (FFE) is a special opportunity designed for freshman students entering Marist College with an interest in pursuing foundation coursework in a study abroad environment. After completion of this program, students enroll in the New York campus their sophomore year to pursue their major of choice. The FFE is open to students with many different major interests, from Psychology to Business and Communications to Political Science. Students complete coursework in writing, introduction to philosophy, and other freshman foundation seminars similar to those offered in New York. FFE students are also required to study Italian language (no previous language skills are necessary to join the program). Typically, freshman year is structured at most colleges and universities with similar coursework. If you're going to be taking an introductory art history class, why not do it where you can actually see Michelangelo's David? If you're going to be taking a writing course, why not walk the same streets as the poet Dante? The FFE gives you the opportunity to learn that foundation coursework in an environment

where you're also getting an amazing cultural experience, and a new way of looking at the world. You'll set the tone for your college career with an unforgettable journey in historic Florence, where your curiosity and desire to learn will be nurtured by experienced faculty and dedicated international staff. This program is only available to entering Marist freshmen, and includes an in-depth orientation both to college and to life abroad. During your time in Florence, you'll live with your Marist classmates in special housing facilities in the heart of the city, staffed at all times with resident directors. You will have access to the vast resources of Florentine life: museums, festivals, music, opera, and an unrivaled architectural history. Special excursions, workshops, and events have been designed for our FFE participants that build a sense of community, encourage cultural immersion, and foster travel opportunities to other parts of Italy and beyond. The Freshman Florence Experience includes the same requirements as Marist's main campus in New York, which will allow you to remain on track toward your degree.



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# BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

*The flagship offering of the Marist branch campus is the Bachelor Degree Program, the only American four-year undergraduate program available in Florence, Italy.*

As the birthplace of modern humanism, naturalistic arts, and scientific inquiry, Florence was the cradle of Renaissance civilization – the place where Dante, Brunelleschi, Botticelli, and Leonardo da Vinci changed forever the way we see the world. Florence is also a modern, international city, at the forefront of Europe and the world's industries of fashion, design, and communications. Building off the strengths of the decades-long partnership between Marist College and the Lorenzo de' Medici Institute, the branch campus now provides the opportunity for talented and focused students to spend all four years exploring the fields of fine arts, digital media, fashion design, interior design, conservation studies, and Italian language by immersing

themselves in the vast resources and inspirations available in this incredible city. Courses are taught in English by a faculty that is international, including local experts and other professionals, as well as Marist faculty from the New York campus. All the degrees incorporate inspiration from the city itself, the wealth of the museums, landscape and architecture, and the international population and culture. Students have the opportunity to engage themselves in the curriculum here in a way that cannot be accomplished anywhere else in the world. A Marist degree from Florence is a great way to step into these fields with real-world exposure, firsthand experience, and focus on entering the global marketplace upon graduation.

## Conservation Studies

The Conservation Studies program offers a rich educational experience in the field of art conservation and the history of techniques. Students work directly and exclusively on original materials from the 14th to 19th Centuries. These opportunities are provided by religious, state, or even private institutions, including the City of Florence Fine Art Department, and are carried out under the direction of the Soprintendenza per i Beni Artistici. Students have the privilege of working on objects ranging from paintings, frescoes, and wood sculptures. From the beginning to advanced levels, students can enjoy the unique experience of working on original works of art both in the state-of-the-art restoration laboratory and at the nearby historical sites.



## Digital Media

The Digital Media degree allows students to truly understand all aspects of graphic design and digital media by undertaking integrated communication projects that come from real-world situations. Students learn how to analyze graphic, advertising, and communication needs and how to address these needs through graphic design, illustration, and animation, creating brands, identities and objects in order to convey a message. The degree allows students to take projects from concept to reality by allowing students to execute their vision. The ability to see a project from start to finish will allow students to understand how design and technology work harmoniously to accomplish a final product. Students will be able to make strategic decisions in a highly-competitive world, read market trends, and formulate dynamic, effective, and successful solutions.



## Fashion Design

The Fashion program begins with history of fashion, developing techniques for fashion figure drawing, then discovering how to bring these designs to reality through a variety of fashion techniques: paper models, draping, sewing, embroidery, knitwear, printing, designing accessories, and more. The fashion department is fully equipped for creative research, with a library specifically focused on fashion and everything related to its research, in addition to a vast selection of printed resources available at the central campus library. The fashion lab is equipped with dress forms and industrial machines for learning all the necessary techniques used in realizing designed items, and the computer lab is equipped with industry standard software.



## Fine Arts

The B.A. in Fine Arts with a concentration in Art History is designed to provide both a survey of western art and an in-depth study of selected periods. The B.A. in Fine Arts with a concentration in Studio Art is designed to combine a broad-based training in the visual arts with a traditional liberal arts education. In addition to the required coursework, students concentrating in art history must pursue an alternative discipline, preferably in a foreign language. Art History students who plan to pursue a career as a curator or museum manager can explore advanced coursework in Museology and Exhibition Management. Our faculty are well-versed in the international art business and will give students the art expertise they need to conduct professional careers in art history or pursue advanced degrees. In the studio art concentration, after foundation training, each student specializes in one of several tracks: digital media, drawing, graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, or restoration.



## Interior Design

The Interior Design program focuses on developing each student's creativity by intersecting it with visual, technical, and architectural design principles. The curriculum has been structured with an innovative foundation in both classic interior design and architectural rendering that will allow students to become practitioners in the field. Mastery of these principles will enhance a student's understanding of space, creativity, and art. Students will learn to facilitate all phases of a project by working with different departments, professors, and professionals to fully understand all of the complexities and challenges of the professional field. Classrooms are designed in a studio format to allow creativity and building. A state-of-the-art computer lab is available for digital design and model construction.



## Italian

The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures aims to enrich students' education by helping them prepare for the future through the support of global studies, teacher education, international tracks in other disciplines, and, in general, career opportunities in key areas of domestic and international service where knowledge of a foreign language facilitates and increases the level of success. Students will expand their cultural literacy and language skills by integrating a variety of courses from the fields of business, communications, economics, education, fashion, history, and politics.



## B. S. in Studio Art

In leaving studio walls behind, students will make art in the cities and landscapes of Italy itself. Traditional and contemporary approaches to art-making will be explored. The B.S. in Studio Art requires less focus on liberal arts and adds an additional emphasis on studio work. Students have access to printmaking, digital media, photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, and restoration with advanced courses available. Sculpture students spend time working with Carrara marble and techniques; photography students develop their visual skills through immersion in the exquisite beauties of the Tuscan countryside; painting and drawing students develop their portfolios in one of the most creative environments in Europe; digital media students enjoy state-of-the-art laboratories; printmaking students learn industry standards while also exploring the long history of their craft in Florence; and art restoration courses have restored paintings and sculptures by some of the greatest artistic masters of the Renaissance like Donatello and Michelangelo.



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# STUDY ABROAD

*The Florence branch campus has been the most popular study abroad destination offered by the Marist International Program for more than three decades.*

In the rapidly-changing environment that emphasizes what's going on in the world – not just in the United States – a globally-grounded education and a “world view” perspective are competitive advantages for students in all areas of study. Florence has been the most popular destination for Marist study abroad students for more than three decades. With courses taught in English, the Marist branch campus in Florence offers more than 400 beginning and upper-level courses in a variety of fields, including economics, English, communications, history, and political science, among others – so there's always a program or subject that can fulfill upper-level or distributive requirements.

**The Marist International Program (MIP)** offers opportunities for students of all majors and concentrations to participate actively in another culture and prepare for entry into today's global economy. Programs combine internships with coursework at a host institution, providing substantive foreign work experience as well as rigorous academic study. In addition to Florence, the Marist International Program offers opportunities with more than 40 colleges in 20 countries throughout the world, including Ireland, the U.K., Spain, Argentina, China, Singapore, South Africa, and Australia. Semester, full academic year, short-term, summer sessions, and more are available.

**For more information, stories and photos from students abroad, go to [www.marist.edu/international](http://www.marist.edu/international)**

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## SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE

*A two-week summer program in Florence, Italy, for high school juniors and seniors provides 3 credits and a taste of college—and international—life.*

If you're a rising junior or senior in high school, take advantage of our Summer Pre-College Program and spend 14 days on our campus in Florence, Italy. This challenging, yet equally rewarding, experience allows you to get practical field experience in your academic disciplines and earn three college credits while getting an early taste of the college lifestyle.

You'll have several class sessions each day mixed with time to study, local excursions, and day-long field trips. You will also have the opportunity to take full advantage of your surroundings. By living in

the residence halls, working with the amazing faculty, and studying in state-of-the-art facilities, you'll have the chance to utilize the campus's outstanding resources. At the same time, you'll be surrounded by the city's inspiring fashion, music, architecture, and art – some of which date back to the 14th century.

Your days will be full and demanding, but also fun and rewarding. You'll make new friends, immerse yourself in a new culture, and better prepare yourself for college. Think that'll happen at a Summer job?

**For more information, stories and photos about Summer Pre-College, go to [www.marist.edu/summerinstitutes](http://www.marist.edu/summerinstitutes)**





## MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSEUM STUDIES

Marist College and the Lorenzo de' Medici Institute offer a unique graduate program in Museum Studies, focusing on hands-on practical experience in all aspects of museum management, presentation, production, and conservation. In a city with more than 70 museums in history, art, architecture, and more, the **M.A. in Museum Studies** is an amazing opportunity to enter into Florence's extensive museum world, and join the ranks of the next generation of museum professionals.

The M.A. in Museum Studies is an interdisciplinary advanced degree program that aims to provide students with an understanding of how museums operate within their social and cultural contexts. Drawing on faculty from the U.S., U.K., and continental Europe, courses are taught using a variety of innovative methods emphasizing engagement with the public and in international comparisons.

Located in one of the world's most important museum centers, the program offers unparalleled learning and internship opportunities locally and all over the world! Guest lectures by museum professionals expose students to a wide variety of international perspectives, widening their horizons while visits to museums, historical monuments, archives, libraries, and relevant non-profit institutions essentially use Florence as a classroom, integrating students within the city and offering them hands-on exposure to real-world museum research and practices. Both the lectures and the visits facilitate the important transition from student to museum professional at the termination of the degree program.

The program, taught in collaboration with the University of Florence and the Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi, additionally seeks to position itself as a much-needed forum for reflection and debate on museological issues in the city.



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# Student Life in Florence

Marist will assist students with every phase of their experience abroad, from pre-departure orientation to transition in Florence, to academic and social support. Upon arrival in Florence, students are offered an array of activities designed to help them maximize their time in Italy while ensuring that they excel academically.

Residence Life staff members work to foster community development among the students, including the assimilation of international students studying at the branch campus. Resident Directors host programs designed to give students tools to assist with adaptation to Florence, grow personally, and focus academically. Together, students and Residence Life staff form a social support network that becomes the backbone of the experience.

Love fine art? Want to learn to cook? Feel like practicing soccer? Marist provides a variety of ways for students to get involved in student clubs and organizations, daily sports and cultural activities, guest lectures and film screenings, city and weekend excursions, and more. Students also get involved in the community, volunteering or working for one of the city's many charities and community service associations. This is how students at the Florence campus get involved, make new friends, and become an integral part of the city.

Marist also offers students the opportunity to reach beyond Florence to learn more about Italy and Europe, through guided day and overnight trips that focus on cultural history and contemporary Italian/European life. In addition to day trips – such as a walking tour of Pisa, lunch in Siena, a private tour of the catacombs beneath St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, shopping at designer outlets, or trips to the beach – the Marist staff can help arrange travel to destinations throughout Europe, to places as culturally and historically different as Switzerland, Croatia, or Germany, among others.



# MARIST-FLORENCE IN BRIEF

## LOCATION

Located in the city of Florence, Italy, in the capital region of Tuscany, Marist's branch campus offers the incredible opportunity to earn a U.S. degree while living and learning the European culture. Florence is the second largest study abroad destination in the world for English-speaking students.

## STUDENTS

The Florence branch campus enrolls students from around the world in five unique programs: Bachelor Degree Programs, Master's Degree in Museum Studies, the Freshman Florence Experience, Summer Pre-College, and through the traditional Study Abroad Program.

## FACULTY

The branch campus hosts approximately 150 dedicated and qualified professors from Italy and around the world. While the majority of the faculty are of Italian nationality, the international flavor is reflected in the appointment of instructors representing a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds. All professors are fluent in English and hold degrees from major universities in the U.S. and all over the world. The faculty consists of trained professionals in their fields. Many international artists, writers, designers, and historians teach their trade while maintaining an active professional life in the city and are well-connected with the history, heritage, and pulse of the city of Florence.

## CURRICULUM

Independent, coeducational, comprehensive, accredited, liberal arts college: Marist's Florence branch campus offers seven Bachelor degrees and one Master's degree.

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

- *The Princeton Review* named Marist one of the best 377 colleges.
- *The Princeton Review* ranked Marist fifth in "most popular study abroad."
- *U.S. News & World Report* consistently places Marist in its top tier.
- *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* and *Barron's* call Marist one of the nation's best buys in college education.
- *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine selected Marist for its list of the 100 most wired campuses in the nation.
- The John Templeton Foundation placed Marist on its elite honor roll of only 100 academic institutions noted for teaching and promoting character development.
- The Institute of International Education's annual report (*Open Doors*, 2010) lists Marist College 15th in the nation among Master's degree-granting colleges for the percentage of students who study abroad.

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