Global Direct Program

Paderno del Grappa, Italy

Consortium International University

USC’s consortium program in Italy is designed to help American students gain first hand knowledge of Italian culture and business practices. The program is located in northern Italy, approximately 45 miles north of Venice, in the town of Paderno del Grappa. A small Italian community nestled in the foothills of the Dolomite Mountains (Italian Alps), Paderno del Grappa provides direct access to the Veneto region’s major cities of Venice, Padua, Verona, and Treviso. Students will attend Consortium International University (CIMBA), the undergraduate campus for the Consortium of Universities for International Studies programs. The consortium is comprised of over 35 accredited U.S. public universities.

The program in Paderno del Grappa offers courses in business, communication studies, economics, and journalism. A variety of liberal arts electives are also available. Students are encouraged to take Italian language classes, which are taught at beginner level. More advanced Italian language classes may be offered as needed. Courses are taught in English by professors drawn from the Consortium’s member universities. Students attend classes with other American students.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least junior standing, and/or have taken the normally expected prerequisites for the courses in which they would like to enroll, prior to attending Consortium International University. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required to apply.

Courses and Credits

Students may earn up to 18 credit hours per semester. Listed below are a few examples of courses offered. A full list of courses with descriptions can be found at http://www.cimbaitaly.com/Undergraduate-122/Index.htm.

Course Titles

- Business Policy and Strategy
- Financial Accounting
- Global Marketing
- Organizational Behavior
- International Trade
- Principles of Public Relations
- Managerial Economics
- Ethics and Media
- Travel Photography
- Graphic Design
- Globalization and Communication
- Elementary Italian I & Elementary Conversational Italian I
**Living Arrangements**

Students can choose to live in a single or double room with a private bathroom in the residence halls located on campus. Students pay a program fee, which includes tuition, housing, and meals, to the CIU office located at the University of Iowa. More information on housing can be found at [http://www.cimbaitaly.com/Undergraduate-136/Index.htm](http://www.cimbaitaly.com/Undergraduate-136/Index.htm).

**Budgeting**

The program fee for CIU is very inclusive. Students should budget for their own airfare, personal excursions throughout Europe and other personal expenses. For a comprehensive list of items included in the CIU price, visit [http://www.cimbaitaly.com/Undergraduate-141/Index.htm#travel](http://www.cimbaitaly.com/Undergraduate-141/Index.htm#travel).

**Master Calendar**

CIU operates on an American university calendar. Classes typically begin the last first week of September and run through the second week of December for the Fall semester. Spring semester begins the last week of January and runs through the last week of April. USC students can attend the Consortium International University during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. A detailed schedule can be found at [http://www.cimbaitaly.com/Undergraduate-4944/Index.htm](http://www.cimbaitaly.com/Undergraduate-4944/Index.htm).

**Insurance**

Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. If you have questions, please contact the Study Abroad Office.

**Orientation**

Orientation is mandatory and begins the first day you arrive on campus. Orientation will cover such topics as campus life, health care, safety and housing.

**Excursions**

CIU programs include a variety of tours to local businesses, gourmet dinner excursions to area restaurants for authentic multi-course Italian meals and day excursions to sites of cultural and historical importance. Students also have the opportunity for individual travel. More information on excursions can be found at [http://www.cimbaitaly.com/Undergraduate-141/Index.htm](http://www.cimbaitaly.com/Undergraduate-141/Index.htm).

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

Every semester there are organized sports matches including ultimate Frisbee, ping pong, volleyball, soccer and basketball. Activities can vary depending on the level of student interest and participation. Tournaments include study abroad students and Italian students attending the boarding school. There are also a number of beaches within a one-hour drive south and world-class skiing in Cortina, approximately two-hours north of the campus.

**Entry Visa**

Students that attend CIMBA are required to apply for and obtain an Italian student visa before leaving the United States. CIMBA and the USC Study Abroad Office can provide you with more details on this process.

**Footnotes**

Visit CIU at [http://www.cimbaitaly.com](http://www.cimbaitaly.com) Students should submit their application materials to the USC study abroad office. For more information on tourism in Italy, please see [http://www.italiantourism.com/](http://www.italiantourism.com/)

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