



THE SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE SAN  
DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

# Florence

FALL 2011

*Depart U.S.:*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

*Arrive Florence:*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

*Depart Florence:*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2011

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**F**LORENCE is an exciting place in which to live and study. On an afternoon stroll through the streets of Florence, which is set in the golden hills of Tuscany, you can admire the architecture of Giotto; linger at the Uffizi Gallery with its vast collection of painting and sculpture; view the magnificent Santa Croce where Galileo, Michelangelo and Machiavelli are buried; explore the bookshops near Via Cavour and visit one of the most popular spots in Florence, the Ponte Vecchio, a 14th century bridge spanning the River Arno.

## INCLUDED

- Transportation package consisting of round-trip airfare and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the housing in Florence but excluding mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (estimated at \$TBD and subject to change) for which students will be billed separately.
- Housing in fully furnished self-catering apartments located in the Historical Center of Florence. Typically four students will share a two-bedroom apartment. The first night of the program will be spent in a hotel with taxi transfers to apartments the next day.
- Orientation program in Florence consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff including an information packet with comprehensive student handbook, local area information, a welcome dinner and half-day guided sightseeing tour of Florence.
- Museum pass for the duration of the program giv-

ing unlimited free entry to the following museums: Uffizi, Bargello, Accademia, Palazzo Pitti, San Marco Museum, Boboli Gardens, Medici Chapel, Cenacolo di Sant'Andrea del Sarto, Giardino della Villa Medicea di Castello, Villa Medicea di Poggio a Caiano and Villa Medicea della Patraia.

- Full-day guided excursion to Siena and San Gimignano including round-trip transportation by private bus and entrances.
- Weekly program of subsidized cultural activities such as cooking classes, wine tasting, concerts, opera, soccer matches and additional museum visits.
- Full-day guided excursion to Perugia and Assisi including round-trip transportation by private bus and entrances.
- Access to the free wireless network and computers at the AIFS Study Center plus wireless access in the apartments (where possible).

- Membership with borrowing rights to the British Institute Library in Florence.
- Mandatory Italian Police registration fees.
- Farewell dinner.
- \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- Student medical and program fee refund insurance policies.

## FEES

Based on an enrollment of 35 participants, for the services specified above, the fee per person is \$6,870.

This fee excludes a \$250 refundable damage deposit; optional medical insurance upgrade (\$65) and optional personal effects coverage (\$90); mandatory additional U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges on airfare; passport or visa fees if applicable; meals other than those indicated on the itinerary; personal expenses; any Southwestern Community College District tuition or administrative fees; textbooks; additional field trips or excursions required by the Southwestern Community College District faculty and anything not specified.

Students also have the option of purchasing a package of 25 meal vouchers for use in selected restaurants and trattoria in Florence for either lunch or dinner for a fee of \$495.

These fees are guaranteed not to change as a result of fluctuations in the \$ exchange rate.

## OPTIONAL ROME EXCURSION

An optional overnight excursion to Rome will be offered, including round-trip transportation, hotel accommodation with continental breakfast, guided tours of the Vatican Museums and Ancient Rome and the services of an AIFS representative for the duration of the trip. The fee for the tour is \$395, based on a minimum of 15 participants.

## FACULTY

### Professor Carla Kirkwood PhD

Dr. Carla Kirkwood is an artist/educator who has traveled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Professor Kirkwood completed her PhD at the University of California at San Diego (UCSD), in Theatre and Dance. She earned her MFA at the University of Leeds, in England, with an emphasis in global performance practices. She holds a graduate diploma in performance studies from the Central Drama Academy, in Beijing, China and is fluent in Chinese. Her work in television has earned her three EMMY awards, and she is the recipient of five National Endowment for the Arts grants. Carla has been on faculty at UCSD, Smith College and at Southwestern College, where she has taught for twenty-two years. Professor Kirkwood has previously taught cinema, theatre and humanities in the cities of Madrid, Seville, Barcelona, Beijing and Shanghai.

### Professor Anne Wolf

Anne Wolf is an internationally recognized metal artist and photographer based in San Diego, California. As a community college student, Anne participated in a study abroad program in Stratford-Upon-Avon, England. In graduate school she arranged an international exchange, trading places with a Scottish jewelry/metals artist in the fall of 1995. Since that time Professor Wolf has traveled throughout Europe, and to Australia, Egypt, eastern Turkey and central Mexico. Since receiving her MFA from San Diego State University in 1999, she has been traveling, creating her own work, teaching art and art history at the college level, and leading workshops in her private studio. Anne uses art as the medium through which she connects to other cultures and times.

## COURSES

All students must enroll in at least 12 units with a maximum enrollment of 15 units for this program. Course offerings are subject to change prior to departure.

### ART 104 3 UNITS

#### INTRODUCTION TO ART HISTORY

**Professor Wolf**

*Transfers to UC, CSU*

Focuses on the function, interpretation, and evaluation of the visual arts. Provides skills needed for the analysis of the history of art.

### ART 149 3 UNITS

#### WOMEN IN WESTERN ART HISTORY, 1550-PRESENT

**Professor Wolf**

*Transfers to UC, CSU*

Introduces a survey of women artists in Western art from the Renaissance to the present. Emphasizes the emergence of the female artist, including education, exhibition record, styles, techniques, subject matter, and social circumstances.

### ART 150 3 UNITS

#### STONE AGE TO THE AGES OF FAITH

**Professor Wolf**

*Transfers to UC, CSU*

Surveys the development of art in painting, sculpture, architecture, and handicrafts from the dawn of art to the beginning of the Renaissance.

### ART 151 3 UNITS

#### RENAISSANCE TO MODERN

**Professor Wolf**

*Transfers to UC, CSU*

Surveys a variety of artistic traditions and the history of visual culture production from the Renaissance to present day.

### HUMANITIES 101 3 UNITS

#### HUMANITIES THROUGH THE ARTS I

**Dr. Kirkwood**

*Transfers to UC, CSU*

Emphasizes an historically-organized, integrated content that analyzes music, visual arts, drama, literature, architecture, philosophy, and history. Includes the use of slides, films, and selections from original texts of literature and philosophy from pre-history through the Renaissance.

### HUMANITIES 295 1 UNIT

#### ITALIAN LIFE AND CULTURE

**Dr. Kirkwood and local faculty**

*All students are required to enroll in this course.*

Explores, through a series of topical workshops, the life and culture of Italy.

### ITALIAN 101 5 UNITS

#### ELEMENTARY ITALIAN I

**Italian faculty**

*Transfers to UC, CSU*

### ITALIAN 102 5 UNITS

#### ELEMENTARY ITALIAN II

**Italian faculty**

*Transfers to UC, CSU*

### TELEMEDIA 113 / ART 130 3 UNITS

**Dr. Kirkwood**

(Students can enroll in either Telemedia 113 or Art 130)

*Transfers to UC, CSU*

Provides a survey of cinema with an emphasis on the chronological development of styles and techniques in the medium of film. Course will include an examination of Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Italian filmmakers.

## HOW TO ENROLL

### STUDENT SELECTION

The Florence, Italy semester abroad program is open to anyone 18 years or older by the date of departure and who has completed 12 college-level units with a GPA of 2.0 or higher by the end of Spring 2011. Preference is given to students who are attending a SDICCCA consortium member college. Program space is limited. Priority selection criteria include, but are not limited to:

1. Current student enrollment at a SDICCCA consortium member college.
2. Date of completed application forms.
3. Eligibility criteria met at time of departure.
4. Meeting payment deadlines.

### PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLMENT

The Southwestern Community College District is the host college for this SDICCCA Study Abroad Program. Students are required to apply for admission, enroll in classes and pay registration and tuition fees at Southwestern College for Fall 2011. Students who apply for financial aid must do so through Southwestern College.

1. Complete Application Form and Student Release Form.
2. Complete the top part of the Student Conduct Release Form, and submit it to your Dean of Student Affairs or your International Education Coordinator.
3. The Dean will complete the bottom part of the Student Conduct Release Form and send it to your campus Study Abroad/International Education Coordinator, or directly to Dr. Kirkwood at Southwestern College.
4. Attach a \$400 deposit check (made payable to AIFS) to the Application Form, and submit it to the Study Abroad/International Education Coordinator at your campus for his/her signature. (Coordinators are listed in this brochure.)

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available for eligible students. As Southwestern College is the host College for the Fall 2011 Florence program, students MUST apply for financial aid through Southwestern College. The Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) MUST be completed in order for a student to be evaluated. For detailed information, contact Southwestern College's Financial Aid office.

Southwestern College's school code for FAFSA is 001294.

### FINANCIAL AID CONTACT:

Kathy Lazo  
Financial Aid Advisor  
Southwestern College  
Phone: 619.421.6700, ext. 5253  
Email: klazo@swccd.edu

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ☞  
Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

## MEDICAL INSURANCE

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by the Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania. The policy provides two distinct types of coverage:

1. Before the program begins, AIFS will refund fees paid by students unable to participate on the program because of covered injury or illness or quarantine in a travel area. However, a fee is retained from the amount paid which includes a \$100 processing fee, the \$50 non-refundable application fee and a \$210 insurance premium.
2. Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge limit of \$300. There is a \$50 deductible per incident for medical claims against this policy.

These two categories of insurance are mutually exclusive. That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance also covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss. Full details of the coverage are provided to students with their final invoice for payment of the balance of their program fees.

## OPTIONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE UPGRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS INSURANCE

A *medical insurance upgrade* provides a maximum \$60,000 per sickness or accident with a daily hospital charge of \$300 (\$50 deductible for each accident or illness). Optional *personal effects insurance* covers loss or theft up to \$1,000, subject to a maximum \$100 per item (\$500 for electronic devices) and a deductible of \$100 per incident. Students are advised to arrange additional insurance for special items. Bicycles, jewelry, cash and computers are not covered. Expensive or irreplaceable items should be left at home.

## AIFS REFUND POLICY

All notification of withdrawal must be made in writing via fax or certified mail to: Registrar, Partnership Programs, AIFS College Division, River Plaza, 9 West Broad Street, Stamford, CT 06902-3788. The fax number is 203.399.5597. Postmark date or date of fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal. *All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.*

If a student's application is not accepted by AIFS, a refund of all payments is made, less the \$50 non-refundable application fee and any non-refundable deposits paid by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf. If a student withdraws on or before Tuesday, June 14, 2011, a full refund will be made less \$150, including the \$50 non-refundable application fee, plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student withdraws after Tuesday, June 14, 2011, but on or before Wednesday, August 3, 2011, for any reason except medical covered by the AIFS Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, the \$450 deposit fee is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student is forced to withdraw from the program because of covered medical reasons after final fees have been paid but before departure, a refund will be made through the Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, less a \$100 processing fee, the \$50 non-refundable application fee and the \$210 insurance premium. The policy requires written proof of medical reasons provided by your physician.

Students withdrawing voluntarily for any reason after Wednesday, August 3, 2011, including withdrawals because of medical reasons not covered under the medical refund policy, receive no refund of fees paid unless they are able to provide a qualified replacement. In this case, they receive a full refund of all payments made less the \$150 processing and cancellation fee and any non-refundable deposits. Replacement students must pay in full at the time of application. Flights cannot be arranged for replacement students applying after Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Italy requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

## DEADLINE TO APPLY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GROUP FLIGHT IS TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011.

### MEMBER COLLEGES AND CAMPUS COORDINATORS

The San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA) is a collaborative effort among member colleges to offer students semester-long study abroad opportunities. Faculty from member colleges develop and teach the curriculum for the programs. For more information, contact your campus coordinator:

#### SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

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International Studies  
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#### GROSSMONT COLLEGE

Marion De Koning  
Study Abroad Coordinator  
8800 Grossmont College Drive  
El Cajon, CA 92020  
619.644.7241  
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760.795.6897  
iip@miracosta.edu

#### SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE, MIRAMAR COLLEGE & SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Students at San Diego City College, Miramar College and San Diego Mesa College are strongly encouraged to apply! For more information and application materials, please contact: Leonora Afuyog in the International Studies Office at Southwestern College, at IPGlobal@swccd.edu, or call 619.482.6504, and Ms. Afuyog will help you process your application materials through our office.

#### CUYAMACA COLLEGE

Lyn Neylon  
Study Abroad Coordinator  
Communication Arts  
Office B355 900  
Rancho San Diego Parkway  
El Cajon, CA 92019

#### MIRACOSTA COLLEGE

Mia Scavone  
Coordinator  
Institute for International Perspectives  
Oceanside Campus, Room 3443  
One Barnard Drive  
Oceanside, CA 92056

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