

GET READY FOR TAKEOFF!

Florence

Academic year orientation 2019-2020



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Visas

- If you are traveling this summer or will be in your home country, meet with Beverly ASAP!
- Schedule your visa submission (they are this week!)



THE VILLA

41 Viale Milton



SERVICE

in Florence

- Big Brother, Big Sister
- Food service
- Ambulance
- Olive & grape picking



MAIL

in Florence

- there are several drop-off mail locations in the city
- incoming mail is delivered to the villa and placed in a basket outside of the program office



MEALS

in Florence

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Breakfast	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa
Lunch	Resp. of student	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Resp. of student	Resp. of student
Dinner	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Resp. of student	Resp. of student



AWESOME YET BUDGET CONSCIOUS TRAVEL

*Get in groups of 3-4 and choose one of these 4 locations:
Verona, Rome, Cinque Terre, or Pisa.*

*Your budget is \$200 per person for 2 days. Research the
travel options, lodging, meals, & activity ideas within the
budget for 4 people.*



INFO HUNTING

Get out your phones and google 'pepperdine international programs'. Choose your destination and click on 'about'

- History of location
- Packing info
- Phone plan options
- Airport to facility directions
- Meals
- How to get around the city



STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- Various positions
- I-9 form
- Work inside the Pepperdine facility
- Work study



PHONES

- You can set up an international plan with your carrier
- You can swap your SIM card with the Italian
- TIM



WHAT TO BRING

- Converter/adaptor for anything electrical
- Special hygiene products
- Warm and cold-weather clothes
- 2 nice outfits
- Enough medications for length of program
- Good walking/hiking shoes
- Learning supplies
- Credit/Debit Card with International chip
- Check program website for other items



WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Linens or towels
- Pillows or blankets
- Expensive jewelry or valuables
- Too many shoes
- Anything you don't absolutely need



ALUMNI CONVERSATIONS



ACADEMICS

DO NOT expect overseas classes to be **EASY!**

Classes are held **Monday - Thursday** for European programs

2.0 GPA requirement (cumulative and semester) before and during program.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

- PE class
- Villa gym
- Walking and traveling
- Free counseling services



SPIRITUAL LIFE

- Churches near villa in both English and Italian
- House church, bible studies
- Convocation
- Mass in the Duomo



CASH OR CARD?

- There is an ATM across the street from the villa so you can pull cash out (large amounts at a time)
- Taxis usually only take cash
- Most small stores and restaurants only take cash
- Venmo!



TRAVEL

- Use trains to travel in Italy
- Use flights to travel out of Italy (more convenient)
- If you think you will use a train often, use the Eurorail pass
- Skyscanner is good for cheap flights (incognito mode)



COMMUNITY

- Meals are together
- Convo
- travel



CULTURE

- Eye contact
- Shops close
- Family time
- Meals
- Pedestrians don't have right of way
- Men are creepy

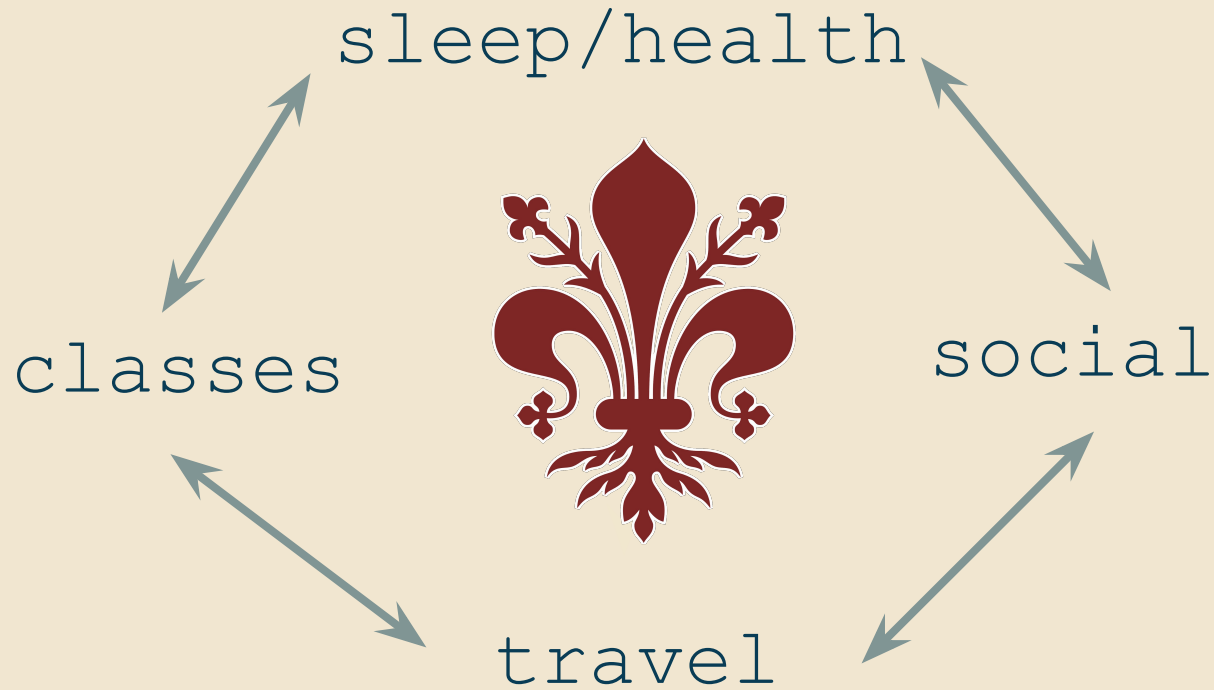


FINANCES

- There is a grocery store near the Villa
 - Esselunga
- All meals are provided except for a few on the weekends
- Travel within Italy to see more but save \$



FINDING BALANCE



NOTE TO YOUR FUTURE SELF

Using the pen, paper and envelope provided, write yourself a letter that you will open while you are abroad.

Consider including the following:

- Goals: spiritual growth, personal growth, academic growth, etc.
- A statement on your current stage in life. You will be amazed how much can change in a year!
- Your hopes: You will be reading this letter at this time next year ... what do you want to get out of your time abroad?

Your RAs will hold on to these during your year abroad.



EXPLORE WITH A PURPOSE

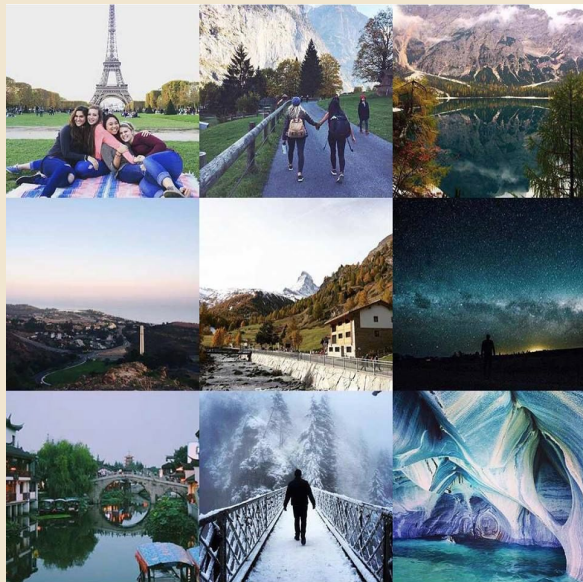
Develop goals for yourself:

- Take 5 minutes to draft at least 3 goals for yourself
- Possibly get in groups of 3-4 people and share your initial ideas about goals for 1-2 developmental areas and what potential mechanisms are there to help you achieve your goals. (5 minutes total for activity)



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Ciao!

Thanks for
hanging out
with us!

