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## "DA SIENA" SOCIETÀ DANTE ALIGHIERI - SIENA

The Società Dante Alighieri was founded in 1889 by a group of Italy's leading intellectuals, including Nobel Prize winner Giosuè Carducci, and tasked with teaching and spreading the Italian culture throughout the world. It is now a vast and dynamic web of "Comitati" both in Italy and abroad.

Società Dante Alighieri Comitato di Siena or "DA Siena" is a distinguished long-established national and international organization considered today as one of the most vibrant and stimulating learning centers in Italy. DA Siena is recognized by the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies (decree of October 18<sup>th</sup> 2002) and by the Ministry of University and Research.

### MISSION

Dante Alighieri Siena's mission is to serve the hosting community and transform students lives by guiding them to succeed in becoming culturally-aware global citizens as well as exemplary ambassadors of the Italian culture. DA Siena is committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and to enhancing students international education experience by conveying to a multi-cultural student body love and passion for the Italian language, the Italian culture and the city of Siena. DA Siena inspires critical thinking, self-independence, personal growth and a passion for learning.

*Approved by the Board of Trustees, December 9, 2011*

### VISION

To be a leader among Study Abroad Centers in Italy and ideal partner of North American Universities and educational institutions for successful programs in Siena. To achieve international distinction for its innovative spirit, academic and student-support excellence, and creativity. DA Siena aims to be a preeminent institution of a multi-cultural student body by bringing together the best of all cultures and societies in a real cross-cultural learning environment.

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### PURPOSE

To disseminate Italian language and culture in the world and to be the leading organization of Study Abroad programs in Siena and Italy by providing highest level of education and setting standards of excellence recognized by the educational community on a global perspective.

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### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

DA Siena's teaching methodology is unique and strives to teach the Italian language at many different levels, from grammar and vocabulary to a real understanding of the role the language plays in the culture. In class, students not only memorize lists of words, but are also introduced to colloquial Italian in a way that the language is useful to them from the very first class. The goal of this teaching methodology is to prepare the students to eventually be able to notice and correct their own mistakes and learn "on-the-go" as they continue to study Italian. The use of varied didactic techniques makes the classroom fun, stimulating, and motivating, never dull.

DA Siena supports teachers of Italian, high school teachers, and teachers and students in AP Italian programs and Italian departments and Study Abroad offices all over the world in establishing their own faculty-led programs in Italy.

### OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF KNOWLEDGE OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE

The P.L.I.D.A. (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri) certificate is an official diploma issued by the Società Dante Alighieri under an agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (no. 1903 – November 4<sup>th</sup> 1993) and with the scientific approval of the "La Sapienza" University of Rome (agreement of June 29, 2004). The certificate attests proficiency in Italian as a foreign language on the basis of a 6-level scale: from level A1, the most elementary, documenting the ability to use Italian in everyday situations, to level C2, the most qualified, guaranteeing an expertise comparable to that of an educated mother-tongue speaker, and which can be used in all professional contexts.

DA Siena has a strong commitment to providing the highest-quality teaching and the best possible learning experience to our students. In order to maintain this proficiency level of service, each student is



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asked to fill out a feedback questionnaire at the end of the first week of classes and again at the end of their stay. These forms are of great value for us to keep informed of any issues involving classes, teachers, housing, orientation, cultural programs, etc. Students are also encouraged to speak with teachers and staff members about any concerns at any time.

We are proud to host several U.S. institutions, Italian departments and Study Abroad programs, for which we also develop faculty-led customized programs. Located in an historical building within the medieval walls, right in the center of town, DA Siena puts at our partners' disposal its 25 well-lit classrooms, panoramic terraces, leisure reading room, recreation room and piano, a well-stocked library, in-house Internet and WI-FI connection, a full professionally equipped kitchen and frescoed dining room, a full equipped office for their Program Director, accommodation service and attractive recreational programs.

One of our main concerns is our students' safety and well-being while abroad. We are aware of the need to stay updated on these issues so you may be pleased to know that we volunteer for Warden System US Department of State and are always in direct contact with the American Consulate General in Florence and the US Embassy in Rome.

## INSTRUCTORS & CULTURE COURSES

### Italian Language Instructors

Every teacher at the Dante Alighieri school is carefully selected through a rigorous process. One of the requirements for our prospective instructors is to have a bachelor's/master's degree (*Laurea Magistralis*) in Humanities with at least one course in Linguistics and one in History of the Italian Language. Candidates must be specialized and experienced in teaching Italian as a second language and submit his/her resume with the appropriate credentials which is then carefully evaluated by the head of the Teaching Department. At that point, if we find the candidate's experience meets our requirements, he or she is invited to complete a certain number of hours (usually between 80 and 100) as teacher's aid in the classroom to further evaluate his or her teaching abilities before being hired.

### Culture Courses

Culture courses are taught in English and/or Italian by professors with a PHD in the subject who are highly experienced in teaching students from USA Institutions. Some courses are co-taught by experts in the fields and professors from different universities in Siena and Florence.

Several of our Programs also include seminars and lectures given by specialists on different topics; like the Director of Santa Maria della Scala, the Director of Accademia Chigiana (The Music Academy), or a geologist who is an expert in landscaping, or an architect whose expertise is the preservation of historical buildings, etc.

Upper division courses include Anthropology, Art History and Architecture, Economy, History, Literature, Performing Arts



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## ACCREDITATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

### **ACCREDITATIONS:**

**Ministry of Education** Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione, Direzione Generale degli Scambi Culturali DIV. III Prot. N. 6034/41-2. Legge 30.10.1940 n. 1636 Autorizzazione al funzionamento.

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DA Siena is accredited by the **Tuscan Region** as a **Formative Agency** (Regional Decree n. 373 re-issued on 06/02/2009) for internship programs in Siena and all of Tuscany.

**ISO** (International Organization for Standardization) is an international standard-setting body composed of representatives from various national standards organization. Every year since 2006 TÜV ITALY controls DA Siena's standards of quality in order to maintain ISO 9001:2010 certificate.

### **ASSOCIATIONS:**

DA Siena participates in **AACUPI** (Association of American College and University Programs in Italy) on behalf of **Brigham Young University**. AACUPI is recognized, both by the Italian Government and by US and Canadian authorities in Italy, as a unified voice for American and Canadian educational institutions that operate programs of study for their students in Italy.

**AAIS** The American Association for Italian Studies. The purpose of this Association shall be to encourage, support, and conduct research activities in Italian culture, including areas such as Italian language, art, music, history, literature, folklore, and popular culture, and well as its influence on other cultures.

**AATI** The American Association of Teachers of Italian was founded in 1924 to promote the study of Italian language, literature, and culture in schools, colleges and universities in North America. AATI is dedicated to excellence in teaching and research in all areas of Italian studies.

**ACTFL** The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages is an American organization aiming to improve and expand the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction.

**CIEE** (*Council on International Educational Exchange*) is a non-profit organization promoting international education and exchange.

**FORUM ON EDUCATION ABROAD** is a non-profit association recognized by the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission as the standard-developing organization for the field of education abroad. DA Siena is committed to its **Code of Ethics and the Standard of Good Practices** in the field of study abroad.

## FORMAL AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

**City of Siena** – Agreement to host DA interns in museums and cultural institutions that are connected with the City of Siena



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**Università degli Studi di Siena** – Agreement of academic exchange and collaboration between the two institutions, agreement to host DA interns in various Departments of the University, and agreement to host the Center of Studies of the Università di Siena and University of Toronto

**Istituto musicale di Studi Superiori (conservatory) 'Rinaldo Franci'** - Agreement of academic exchange and specific projects related to instruments and vocal courses

**Istituto di Istruzione Superiore "Bettino Ricasoli" di Siena (agriculture High School)** – Agreement to host DA interns and to improve didactic exchange

### U.S. EDUCATIONAL PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Partners (in alphabetical order) with which we work on an **established agreement**.

#### **Armstrong Atlantic State University - Savannah, GA**

- Nutritional Program "Mediterranean Diet" (since 2005)
- Intensive Italian Language and Culture Fall program (since 2006)
- Faculty Staff Program (since 2010)
- Health Care Nursing Program (since 2011)

#### **Brigham Young University - Provo, UT**

- Italian Language and Internship group Program Spring (since 2005)
- Italian Language and Internship individual program year-round (since 2007)
- Italian Language and Italian Studies Fall Semester (since 2008)

#### **Central Connecticut State University - New Britain, CT**

- Intensive Italian Language, Culture and Cooking Summer program (since 2011)

#### **College of DuPage - Glen Ellyn, IL**

- Intensive Italian Language program (since 2003)

#### **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach, FL**

- Intensive Italian Language and Culture Summer program (since 2004)

#### **Georgia Southern University - Statesboro, GA**

- Nutritional Program "Mediterranean Diet" (since 2005)

#### **Howard Community College - Columbia, MD**

- Intensive Italian Language program (since 2004)

#### **Mendocino College - Ukiah, CA**

- Intensive Italian Language program (since 2005)

#### **Pontifical North American College - Rome, Italy**

- Intensive Italian Language Summer program July – August (since 1997)

#### **Richmond - The American international University in London**

- Intensive Italian Language program (since January 2010)

#### **Ruth Asawa School of the Arts - San Francisco, CA**

- Intensive Italian Language, Culture and Cooking Summer program (since 2011)

#### **University of California Siena Study Center – Siena IT**

- Gastronomy Course (2010)

#### **University of Delaware - Newark, DE**

- Italian Language courses during Winter/Spring semester (2009)

#### **University of Illinois at Chicago - Chicago, IL**

- Intensive Italian Language and Culture Summer program (since 2006)

#### **University of Notre Dame - South Bend, IN**

- Intensive Italian Language and Internship program (since 2009)

#### **University of Utah - Salt Lake City, UT**

- Intensive Italian Language Summer program (since 1983)
- Intensive Italian Language and Internship program (since summer 2009)

#### **Various University Alumni Associations**



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- Gastronomy and Nutrition courses (since 2000)

*Throughout the years, students from thousands of other U.S. and other international institutions including from Switzerland, Germany, United Kingdom, Japan, Austria, Spain, Australia, South Africa, Mexico, Brazil, France, Greece, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Turkey, Korea, Belgium, Slovakia, Poland, New Zealand, Venezuela, Ireland, etc. have also attended DA Siena.*

### INTENSIVE ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Under the guidance of the Director of Studies, each of our courses follows a syllabus that accords with one of the six levels of linguistic competency laid out by the European Council:

- A1 (Plida A1) - Elementary I
- A2 (Plida A2) - Elementary II
- B1 (Plida B1) - Intermediate I
- B2 (Plida B2) - Intermediate II
- C1 (Plida C1) - Advanced
- C2 (Plida C2) - Superior

**A1** Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

**A2** Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

**B1** Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst traveling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

**B2** Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

**C1** Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

**C2** Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in the most complex situations.

The lessons will help the students to inductively gain a knowledge of the linguistic structures appropriate to their level, and to put this knowledge to use by communicating in various contexts. Our teachers place



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great importance on using authentic Italian-language materials, allowing students to explore the language in the varieties of its use.

### INTERNSHIPS

DA Siena is accredited by the Tuscan Region as a Formative Agency (Regional Decree n. 373 re-issued on 06/02/2009) for internship programs in Siena and Tuscany. Our 30 years of experience makes our organization a recognized expert in the field of developing and optimizing international internships.

DA Siena will handle all placement details as well as student needs for the entire duration of the internship; including Internet access at the school, housing, etc. Students can take from one week to several weeks of Italian language classes (depending on the initial Italian language level) before the beginning of the internship and then get placed in the internship of their choice.

Our program is organized in accordance with official regulations which can be summarized as follows:

- internships are unpaid
- time commitment is approximately 6-8 hours a day
- insurance is included and covers work accidents as well as third party liability coverage

DA Siena staff will take care of the following procedures:

- Student on-site school orientation;
- Verifying the participants' request of hosting institutions/companies;
- Teaching the student communication codes essential for the adjustment period;
- Introducing each intern to the selected hosting institution/company;
- Evaluating mandatory student journal due 2-3 times per week;
- Maintaining contact with the mentor of the hosting institution/company for the entire duration of the internship;
- Assuring assistance to the participant for the duration of the internship;
- Mid and final evaluation interview;
- Assuring that each participant receives his/her certificate of attendance at the end of the internship.
- Keeping correspondence with the US institution Director regarding participants' internship.

#### FIELDS IN INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS:

- **Accounting** - Private Accounting offices;
- **Agriculture** – farms, wineries, olive groves, cheese factories, honey farms etc;
- **Architecture** - Private Architecture Studios (for students of architecture and interior design);
- **Gastronomy** – Depending on the participants' interests, there's a wide range of internship arrangements, from restaurants in 5 star hotels to local restaurants to the simple trattoria;
- **Graphic Design** – various studios in Siena;
- **High school** - Liceo Classico "E.S. Piccolomini" (high-school President Prof. Nicola Buonabitacola) for second language acquisition assistance in the classes;
- **High school** - Liceo Scientifico "G. Galilei" (high-school Presidente Prof. Antonio Vannini) for second language assistance acquisition in the classes;
- **Hotel** - Various hotels in Siena (i.e. Hotel Athena, Hotel Academy, etc.);



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- **Insurance company** - Assicurazioni Generali for assistance to non-Italian speakers, translations, etc.;
- **Jewelry making** – Private shops/laboratories in Siena;
- **Law** – various law firms in Siena and surrounding towns;
- **Medical** - University of Siena (formal agreement with the surgery department Dr. Prof. Alfonso de Stefano) for students of medicine;
- **Museums and Cultural events in the City of Siena** – formal agreement signed by the City Mayor on January 23, 2008 – for internships (Tutor: Dr. Mauro Civai – Director of the Siennese Museums). Museums include Santa Maria della Scala, Museo Civico etc.
- **Photography** - Freelance photographers;
- **Physical therapy** – various offices in Siena;
- **Secretarial/front desk** – various schools/institutions in Siena;
- **Tourism** - Azienda per il Turismo di Siena (**APT**) **provides front desk information to tourists;**
- **Università degli Studi di Siena** - various departments at the university;
- **Volunteer organizations** - CARITAS in Siena; Istituto della Misericordia di Siena (formal agreement signed by the Rettore on May 2005), the oldest volunteer organization in Siena founded in 1347 (Dr. Filippo Franchi – Vice Director) for:
  - Assistance to people with disabilities
  - Assistance to immigrants
  - Assistance to people in financial need
  - First aid with ambulance
- **Other** (car dealerships, sport centers, etc.)

## CUSTOMIZED HANDS-ON ITALIAN COOKING AND GASTRONOMY COURSES

The school runs culinary programs with hands-on lessons under the guidance of a professional chef followed by the consumption of the food prepared - beverage included.

Lessons begin with the study of ingredients, a brief description of the recipes and then one learns the true art of Italian cooking by participating hands-on in an elaborate step by step process of the four or five course meal about to be created! The antipasto, primo, secondo, contorno and dolce are all significant parts of the art of fine and healthy dining.

DA Siena is always ready to create specially tailored programs of Italian cooking and nutrition, including lectures, excursions, special visits and tastings, related to food, Italian culture, and the use of aromatic herbs.

DA Siena will custom-make a cooking program which will be an unforgettable experience. Our coordinator will brief your students on the magic of Tuscan cuisine before the course starts; which can be given in either English or Italian.

We are proud to have wonderful chefs who have been with DA Siena for over 20 years. Our dining room sits up to 50 students comfortably. For those wishing to incorporate Italian studies, we can arrange to have the cooking courses taken contemporaneously with any of the Internships, Italian language and Culture courses we offer.

Minimum number of participants : 6





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## EXTRA SERVICES

### **RENTING CLASSROOMS**

DA Siena will rent classrooms to institutions for lessons run by their own academic staff. All the classrooms are fully equipped.

### **RESERVATIONS**

DA Siena can provide quotations and make reservations and payments for:

- accommodation (family homestay, apartments & residence) for students and academic staff
- private and public transportation
- hostels and hotels in various Italian cities
- excursions to different locations in Siena, Tuscany, and Italy
- guided tours
- entrance tickets to museums and institutions in Italy

### **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

DA Siena can informally take the function of a "bank" in Italy. We have found it practical for Institutions to pre-pay expenses to the school. DA Siena uses the funds to pay for expenses such as coach rental, bus passes, group dinners, tickets to museums, cultural events, activities, etc. If plans change, the funds will be used for the new event or simply reimbursed to your account. Your faculty can also receive cash advances. Our staff will meet with your faculty on a regular basis to discuss the budget and balance in the account.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DA SIENA DIRECTOR

The DA Siena Director provides leadership and oversight of the academic programs. This position is responsible for a wide range of academic, budgetary, administration, and student support services, including but not limited to the following:

- Coordinate and conduct comprehensive student orientation session which includes all of the following issues: program administration, communications, relevant university facilities, public transportation, health/safety, program rules/behavioral expectations, group dynamics, the host country educational system, academic expectations, cross-cultural adaptation, cultural differences, living with host families, residence and private apartments.
- Establish a leadership role and positive group dynamic, provide assistance to students as needed, serve as the inter-cultural facilitator for students (liaison between home and host cultures).
- Assist students in meeting the academic, social, and cultural challenges of the study abroad experience.
- Coordinate and oversee all program instruction.
- Provide academic advising.
- Organize internships and independent study opportunities.
- Submit student grades.
- Promote and enhance the academic integrity of the study abroad program.
- Organize lodging, meals, transportation, guides and entrance fees for excursions to be conducted in locations of cultural/historical interest to further the academic goals of the program.
- Maintain accountability for any funds entrusted for program expenses.
- Organize student housing.
- Assist students in the preparation, processing and delivery of documents for students' residency permits, while keeping abreast of changes to visa and Residence Permit regulations. Intercede in resolving questions or problems that arise.



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- As the principal source of support and guidance for students who are undergoing the stress in adapting to an unfamiliar academic and cultural environment, the DA Siena Director is available 24/7 to respond to student emergencies.
- Prepare for and manage on-site emergencies (evacuate students, communicate with local authorities and possibly media, administer first aid, facilitate medical evacuation or repatriation, communicate with NC State staff, etc.).



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## OPTIONAL CO-CURRICULAR CULTURAL & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

At Dante Alighieri Siena, students are encouraged to take full advantage of their stay in Italy from a linguistic and cultural point of view. In order to facilitate this, every week we offer a series of optional cultural and social activities as an integral part of our program. These are tailored to supplement regular classroom instruction and are usually held 6 days a week. Transportation, food and some entrance tickets may require additional payments. The actual fees will be specified in the monthly calendars. As part of the activities, one of our professors will always be present in order to enhance this valuable experience from a linguistic point of view. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in all of these activities in order to enrich their cultural knowledge, to meet other students, to get to know the teachers better and to enhance their involvement in Italian culture and society.

**Palio time!** For those who wish to get a better understanding and learn the real meaning and issues connected to the historic Palio horse races of Siena (July 2 and August 16), we organize a special program of activities during the Palio period so that students together with our professors can get involved in each step of the Palio and absorb this unique and thrilling pageantry to the utmost.

**Trimester and Academic Year** students will be glad to know that the co-curricular cultural & social activities calendar is different each month. Our professors will vary the calendar according to student requests and interests.

Here are examples of activities which may be organized in a typical month:

- Practical orientation tour of Siena
- Cultural tours and guided visits to museums in Siena
- Conferences on several Italian Culture topics such as: opera, journalism, politics, music, history, art, Mediterranean diet, etc..
- "Cine Club" - Italian movies and operas shown in Italian with Italian subtitles with producers such as: Bernigni, Bertolucci, Troisi, Fellini, Germi, Moretti, Muccino
- Excursions and walks in the Sienese countryside
- Tours to some of the most interesting towns of Tuscany (San Gimignano, Pienza, Florence, Lucca, Chianti, etc.)
- Wine tasting and typical products (cheese, salami, prosciutto, etc) tastings in Siena

Please note that the minimum number of participants required for activities that take place on campus is five and for those taking place outside the school is eight.



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## FACULTY-LED & CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

DA Siena is knowledgeable of the requirements in USA higher education. Since 1990 we have been providing US colleges and universities with high-quality, cost-competitive study abroad programs.

DA Siena will meet the needs of your institution by collaborating with you to design unique academic programs. Each program is developed to meet the specific needs of your institution and can be tailored to various language levels as well as topics of interest. Your program will be tailor-designed to your specific needs, whether it be faculty led, host country led, direct enrollment or a combination of these.

DA Siena is happy to work with you to design innovative Study Abroad Programs of any length, ranging from short-term seminars to full semesters. Our talented and experienced team will work with you to create customized syllabi and assist you in the development of inter or cross-disciplinary programs as well as all logistical aspects of your program.

DA Siena will assist your faculty in internationalizing courses by embedding week-long on-site lectures in SIENA scheduled during or at completion of a course.

Our supportive classroom environment helps students enhance their Italian language fluency and learn about Italian culture. Educational field trips and sightseeing tours are customized to fulfill your requirements and meet the interests of participants.

The team at DA Siena collaborates with the U.S. institution faculty member(s)/program director(s) in order to create weekend itineraries or excursions outside of Siena for the duration of the group's stay in Siena. We will take care of as many details as the program director wishes, including reservations for transportation, museums, restaurants, lodging, etc. - without extra cost to the institution. The school can also serve as a bank; in this case, the institution would make a payment to the school and the school would distribute funds to the program director as needed for excursions, etc.

### ***SOME OPTIONS FOR CUSTOMIZED ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES***

#### **OPTION A**

Students are placed in DA Siena INTERNATIONAL CLASSES (min. 5 - max. 12 students per class – lessons are 60 minutes) together with other students coming from all over the world and with the same Italian language level. At the beginning of the program DA Siena teachers will evaluate the students' level through a written placement test and a short oral interview. Students follow the DA Siena language syllabi and take weekly quizzes, a mid-term and a final exam which have been specially created in agreement with the Language Department of the Foreign Institutions and the Director of the Program.

Participants: U.S. institution students are placed in DA Siena international classes after a written and oral Italian placement test.

Number of weeks: to be decided

Number of hrs per day: from 3 hrs per day Mon.-Fri. (9:00 – 12:30) to 4 hrs (Mon.- Fri. 9:00 – 1:30 PM).

Syllabus for each level / evaluation criteria / code of behavior: provided by DA Siena in coordination with the U.S. Educational Institutions.

Mid-term, Final examination day and schedule: to be decided by the U.S. Educational Institution

Maximum number of students per class: 12

The DA Siena Director of Studies is responsible for the communication between the DA Siena Faculty and the U.S. Educational Institution

#### **OPTION B**

Students take Italian lessons EXCLUSIVELY with students from their own institution and according to the number of hours previously determined by their University. The classes are formed by the Language Department before the arrival of the students. The University and/or College Department agrees with DA



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Siena on a syllabus at one or more levels. The DA Siena faculty follows the approved syllabus/i and administers quizzes, as well as mid-terms and final examinations.

Participants: all students from the same U.S. Educational Institution.

Number of weeks: to be decided.

Number of hrs per day: to be decided.

Syllabus for each level / evaluation criteria / code of behavior: provided by U.S. Educational Institution.

Mid-term, Final examination day and schedule: to be decided by the U.S. Educational Institution Program Director.

Maximum number of students per class: to be decided.

DA Siena faculty study and apply the U.S. Educational Institution syllabi under the supervision of the Director of Studies (Dr.ssa Alessandra Muzzi) and the Instructor Coordinator (Dr. Vincenzo Morano). The Director of Studies is responsible for the communication between the DA Siena Faculty and the program director.

Three formal meetings (beginning of the program – mid-term – end of the program) with the program director and DA Siena Faculty are scheduled according to the discretion of both parties.

### ***CUSTOMIZED CULTURE COURSES***

DA Siena will tailor a culture courses if ours don't meet your needs.

Number of weeks – to be decided

Number of hrs per day – to be decided

Syllabus for each course / evaluation criteria / code of behavior - provided by DA Siena in agreement with U.S. Educational Institution Departments and Study Abroad / International Office

Mid-term and Final examination day and schedule are decided by the U.S. Educational Institution

The DA Siena Director of Studies is responsible for the communication between the DA Siena Faculty and the U.S. Educational Institution

Three formal meetings (beginning of the program – mid-term – end of the program) between U.S. Professors and DA Siena Faculty Staff are scheduled.



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## TESTIMONIALS AND REFERENCES

**Bill Barnhart - Director, International Center - University of Utah ([BBarnhart@S.U.utah.edu](mailto:BBarnhart@S.U.utah.edu))**

"The University of Utah is very proud of its partnership with DA Siena U.S. We have continuously sent students every summer for over 25 years, and would, without reservation, recommend this program to our international colleagues around the globe. Recognized as one of the leading Italian language institutes in the world, Dante Alighieri - Siena is our standard of excellence when selecting intensive language programs."

**Dr. James Cunningham - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach, FL ([james.cunningham@erau.edu](mailto:james.cunningham@erau.edu))**

"Having organized several summer study abroad programs across Europe with Embry-Riddle over the past 12 years, it was a real pleasure to bring my students to Dante Alighieri in beautiful Siena this year. Their friendly and helpful staff and faculty, top-notch academic programs, and comprehensive logistical support made our program the very best I have experienced, and a truly life-changing experience for my students. The very highest recommendation."

**Maria Iusco - Italian Study Abroad Coordinator - University of Illinois at Chicago ([lucso@uic.edu](mailto:lucso@uic.edu))**

"I have been taking students, from the University of Illinois, to study abroad for the past ten years. This upcoming year 2011, will be our fourth year working with Dante Alighieri in Siena. We have (and I speak on behalf of my students and other faculty members that help me organize this program each year), the most magical and wonderful time for our five week program. We are there in the heart of the summer during the Palio. The Dante teachers are fantastic, the administration is awesome, the director Mr. Luca Bonomi is out of this world and the Principal Mrs. Sonia Di Centa is so very gracious, witty, and makes everyone feel at home. The welcome lunch and farewell dinners, the out of school excursions, the daily encounters, the availability of everyone is what makes Dante Numero 1. Come to Siena for the culture, art, food, gelato, people, vino, the history, the Palio. Come visit the Real World Siena!"

**Aaron Rose - International Program Coordinator - Brigham Young University ([aaron\\_rose@byu.edu](mailto:aaron_rose@byu.edu))**

"As a representative of a U.S. institution of higher education, I have worked with Dante Alighieri in Siena for several years. My expectations have been surpassed in the quality of academic program and logistical support they offer my students."

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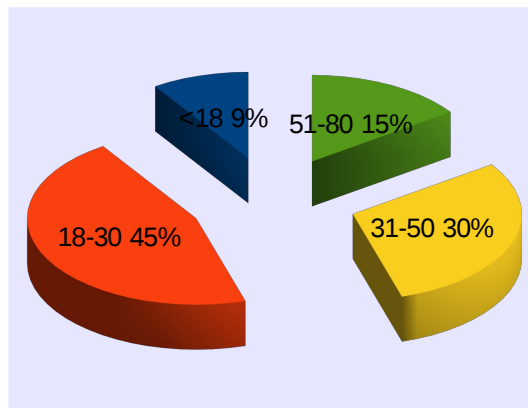
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**STUDENTS PROFILE**

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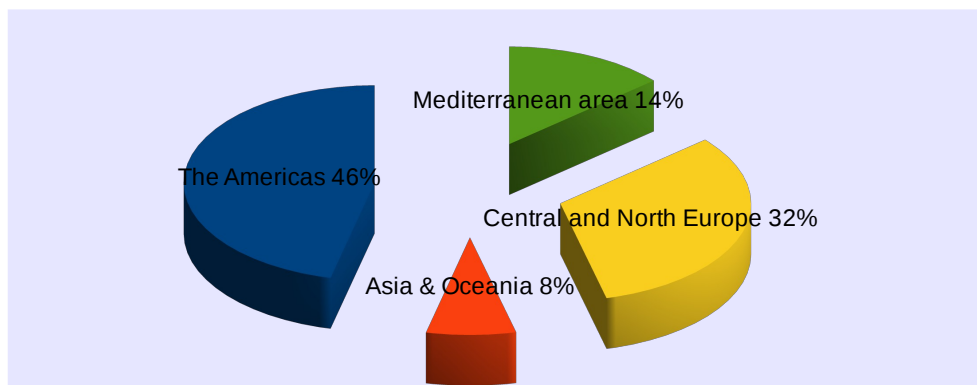
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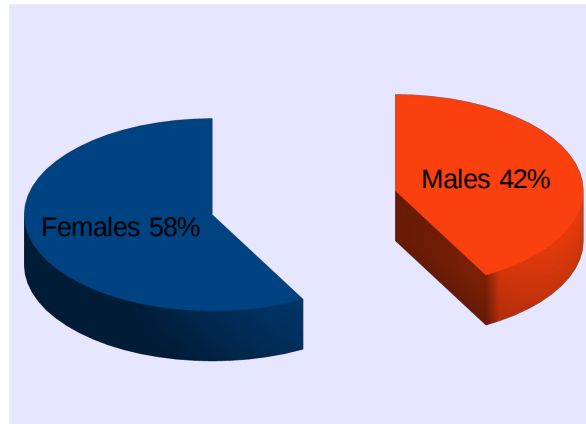


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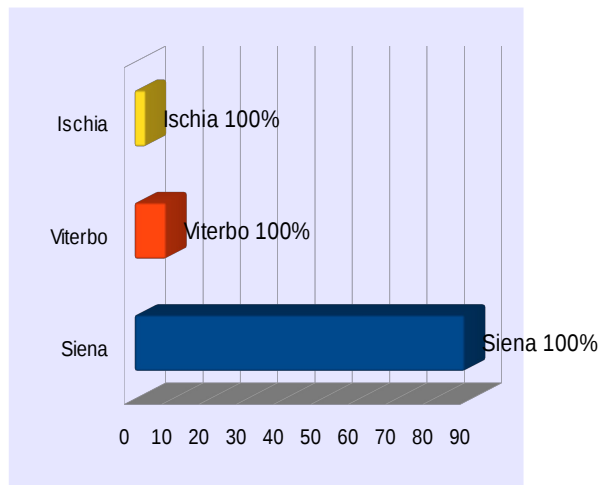
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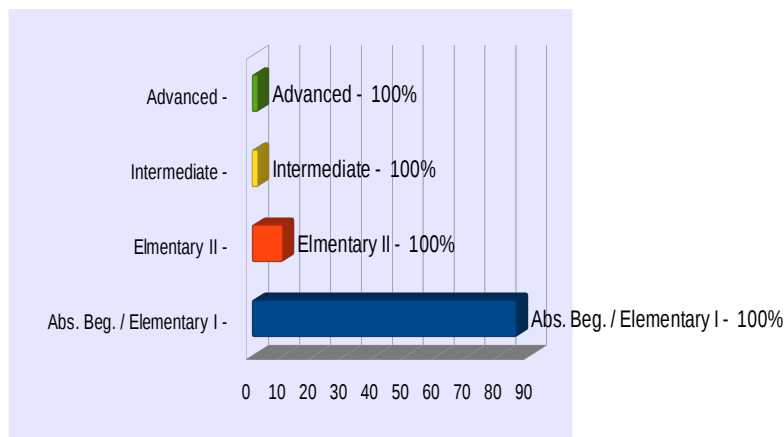
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### PROGRAMS IN SIENA - VITERBO - ISCHIA



### STARTING LEVEL OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE







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**PRICES EXAMPLES OF FACULTY-LED & CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS**

**1 WEEK - \$ 500.00**

“Nutrition Culture Course”

Price includes:

Three hands-on cooking classes

Seminar on subject of interest e.g. “Connection of art history and food”, “Aromatic herbs”, etc.

Orientation meetings and practical tour of Siena

Liberty of participating in all extra-curricular cultural activities offered by DA Siena \*some have an extra fee ranging from €3 - €40.

One wine tasting and olive oil tasting guided tour with brunch

Trekking tour in surroundings of Siena

Cheese tasting guided tour

Emergency assistance

Administrative fees which include: accommodation service in Siena and other cities in Italy, all logistics, final transcripts, booking service for entrance tickets, transportation, museums, restaurant, etc.,

\*price is calculated on average of 15-20 students

**5 WEEKS**

- **\$ 3200 – Intensive Italian language (100 hours)**
- **\$ 4200 - Intensive Italian language (100 hours) and Culture Course (45 hours)**

Prices include:

Accommodation in double room in apartment.

Additional fee of:

- \$180.00 for single room in apartment.
- \$800.00 for single room in family homestay (breakfast & dinner included)
- \$500.00 for double room in family homestay (breakfast & dinner included)

One classroom for faculty

One office for faculty

Orientation meetings and practical tour of Siena

Text books and readers

Three hands-on cooking courses

Liberty of participating in all extra-curricular cultural activities offered by DA Siena \*some have an extra fee ranging from €3 - €40.

1 full day field trip/excursion to Florence – museum entrances included

Welcome lunch and farewell dinner/party

Emergency assistance

Administrative fees which include: accommodation service in Siena and other cities in Italy, all logistics, final transcripts, booking service for entrance tickets, transportation, museums, restaurant, etc.,

**\*prices are calculated on an average of 10 participants**



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## DATES AND PRICES 2014

### **SIENA, FLORENCE AND ROME PROGRAMS** **SEMESTER PROGRAM**

(3 nights in Rome + 15 weeks in Siena + 2 days in Florence)

**DASEM1:** 4 culture courses + Italian language (60 hrs) + volunteer + internship

**DASEM2:** 3 culture courses + Italian language (60 hrs) + volunteer + internship

**DASEM3:** 2 culture courses + Italian language (60 hrs) + volunteer + internship

**DASEM4:** 2 culture courses + Italian language (180 hrs) + volunteer + internship

Program	Intensive Italian Language	Culture Courses	Internship	Volunteer*	Price for Direct Enrollment
<b>DASEM1</b>	60 hours	4	Yes	Yes	\$ 12,950.00
<b>DASEM2</b>	60 hours	3	Yes	Yes	\$ 11,900.00
<b>DASEM3</b>	60 hours	2	Yes	Yes	\$ 10,900.00
<b>DASEM4</b>	180 hours	2	Yes	Yes	\$ 12,950.00

\*All programs may be taken without volunteer. Deduct \$200.00 from price

Program fee is with housing in Siena in shared apartment with other students in double rooms.

Fee to add to total price of the program:

\$ 340.00 Single room in apartment shared with other students

\$ 1400.00 Double room in homestay with breakfast and dinner included

\$ 2070.00 single room in homestay with breakfast and dinner included

#### **Dates**

Fall Semester: August 28 – December 13



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**QUARTER PROGRAMS**

(3 nights in Rome + 9 weeks in Siena + 2 days in Florence)

**DAQ1:** 3 culture courses + Italian language (60 hrs)

**DAQ2:** 2 culture courses + Italian language (120 hrs)

Fee to add to total price of the program:

\$ 225.00 Single room in apartment shared with other students

\$ 845.00 Double room in homestay with breakfast and dinner included

\$ 1245.00 Single room in homestay with breakfast and dinner included

**Dates**

Winter Qtr: January 16 – March 22

Spring Qtr: February 27 – May 3

Summer Qtr: June 12 – August 16

**SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM**

(3 nights in Rome + 5 weeks in Siena + 2 days in Florence)

**DAI** - Italian language (60 hrs) + 1 culture course (HUMANITES, Italian Society through the Arts – Survey of Italian Culture)

Program	Intensive Italian Language	Culture Courses	Price for Direct Enrollment
<b>DAI</b>	60 hours	1	\$ 5,850.00

\*\*Fee to add to total price of the program:

\$ 145.00 Single room in apartment shared with other students

\$ 475.00 Double room in homestay with breakfast and dinner included

\$ 690.00 Single room in homestay with breakfast and dinner included

**Dates**

June 12 – July 19

**INCLUDED IN SIENA, FLORENCE AND ROME SEMESTER/QUARTER/SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAMS:**

**Rome (3 nights)**

Private transportation from Fiumicino airport to hotel in Rome

Hotel for 3 nights in a double/triple room in Rome



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1 welcome dinner in Rome
Lessons on-site with entrance tickets to: Colosseum, Foro Romano, Galleria Borghese, Musei Vaticani, San Pietro and Cupola di San Pietro
Free public transportation (metro and bus) for 3 days in Rome
Bus to Siena

Florence (2 days)

- 2 one-day trips
- Bus to and from Florence
- Lessons on-site with entrance tickets to Accademia, Santa Croce, Uffizi, San Marco.

Siena

- Double room in shared apartment with other students\*
- Orientation meeting and walk through of the city
- Welcome lunch/party
- Guided tour of Contrada museum and church
- Dinner in a Contrada
- Gala Dinner on July 1st only for Summer Intensive program
- Lessons on-site with entrance tickets to Duomo, Cripta and Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Palazzo Pubblico
- One hands-on cooking class with 5-course meal
- Text books and readers
- Afternoon and weekend co-curricular activities (trips/activities requiring additional payment are not included)

CULTURE COURSES

All Upper-Division Culture Courses are offered and are available with a minimum of 5 participants per course. Courses are taught in English by a DA Professor with the exception of Literature course which is taught in Italian and requires a minimum of B1 Italian Language Level. Courses are 45 hours with about 30 hours in class and 15 hours on-site.

Humanities – mandatory for all programs except SUMMER INTENSIVE

SURVEY OF WESTERN & ITALIAN CULTURE – from 1200 BCE to the Renaissance Decline

Art History

ART HISTORY – from High Middle ages to Renaissance

Anthropology

HOW TO READ A CITY – Siena in its past

Health & Nutrition

RENAISSANCE ON THE TABLE – Tradition, recipes and flavors of the Renaissance era

Literature

ITALY THROUGH THE TRAVELERS' AND THE NATIVES' EYES – from the Grand Tour travelers to the Italian writers

Political Science and Economy

THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE – a dream or a reality?

SIENA SHORT-TERM PROGRAM

(5 weeks in Siena)

DASMR Italian language (60 hrs)

Table with 3 columns: Program, Intensive Italian Language, Price for Direct Enrollment. Row 1: DASMR, 60 hours, \$ 3,350.00



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\$ 145.00 Single room in apartment shared with other students

\$ 475.00 Double room in homestay with breakfast and dinner included

\$ 690.00 Single room in homestay with breakfast and dinner included

### **Dates**

Summer ST1: May 12 – June 14

Summer ST2: June 15 – July 19

### **INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM**

- Double room in shared apartment with other students\*
- Orientation meeting and walk through of the city
- Welcome lunch/party
- Lessons on-site with entrance tickets to Duomo, Cripta and Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Palazzo Pubblico
- One hands-on cooking class with 5-course meal
- Text books and readers
- Afternoon and weekend co-curricular activities (trips/activities requiring additional payment are not included)