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Refund Policy. If a student withdraws prior to March 21, 2012, a full refund will be made less the $500 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on behalf of the student. If a student is forced to withdraw from the program after March 21, 2012 for a bona fide medical reason, a full refund of all payments will be made less the $500 and non-refundable purchases. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is necessary in making claims for refund. Refunds will not be made for any other circumstances or after the program begins. All notification of withdrawal must be in writing and sent to the Study Away Office, International Center, Missouri State University.
Eligibility. Students in good standing at Missouri State are eligible for admission to the program. Students at other institutions may be eligible to participate (contact Art and Design Office for details). Acceptance to the program is at the sole discretion of the Department of Art & Design and Study Away Office.

Program Dates
Depart June 3, 2012
Arrival in Florence June 4, 2012
Depart Florence for U.S. July 4, 2012

Application Deadlines. Enrollment deadline is January 30, 2012. Additional enrollments may be accepted on a space available basis, although costs will be higher. Due to the great popularity of the program, the number of students accepted is limited. Early application is STRONGLY advised.

Lodging. All students will be placed in-group accommodations in apartments (4-6 people per apartment) in the historic center of Florence. Two students share a bedroom. All apartments have a full kitchen as well as common spaces. The apartments will all be within walking distance of the classrooms and studio space. For an additional $200 fee students who wish may request a single room.

Transportation. For students who wish to travel with the group, spaces will be reserved for flights out of Springfield to Italy. Approximate cost is $1,500. If estimated airfare increases prior to purchase time, students will be billed for the difference. Students may also instead make their own travel arrangements (a statement with proof of airfare reservation will be required; an adjustment will be made to the program fee). The program directors and Santa Reparata will arrange ground transportation for excursions within Italy after initial arrival.

Excursions. Included in the fees are excursions organized by Santa Reparata and MSU. Optional excursions will be available at extra cost.

Necessary Documents. A passport is required to visit Italy. Please apply for or update your passport well in advance of travel dates. The International Student Identity Card is required and included in program fees.

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  http://international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/

Informational sessions:
October 26 (Wednesday, 2011) - 7 pm in Pummill 208
November 1 (Tuesday), 2011 - 7 pm in Siceluff 119
November 7 (Monday), 2011 - 7 pm in Pummill 208
November 28 (Monday), 2011 - 7 pm in Pummill 208
December 5 (Monday), 2011 - 7 pm in Pummill 208
January 23 (Monday) 2012 - 7 pm in Siceluff 125

About the Program. The summer program in Florence, sponsored by the Department of Art & Design of Missouri State University, is designed to give students total immersion in the art and culture of Florence. The facilities are provided by the Santa Reparata International School of Art. All courses focus on experiential learning.

Courses taught by Dr. Mitzi Kirkland-Ives: ART 496 Special Topics in Art History: Medieval & Early Modern Florence • IDS 397 International Culture and Study Abroad: general education course focusing on Italian culture of the past and present.

Courses taught by Dr Matt Calihman: ENG 287 Life Stages in Literature: Travel, Migration, and the Making of Americans • ENG 354 Ethnic American Literature: When You’re Here, You’re Italian; Italians, and American Culture • ENG 758: Seminar: Twentieth-Century American Literature: Nation, Ethnicity, and Modernity in U.S. Literature

Courses taught by Iwona Duszek: ART 202 Color Theory • DES 497 Special Topics in Design: illustrative image and mixed media collages

Students are required to register for two courses (six credits). The four weeks of instruction are held in Florence, Italy, the home of the Renaissance. The program directors will oversee all academic and tour arrangements and accompany the group on required excursions and ensure that the program runs smoothly. Studio, library, and computer facilities are available at Santa Reparata during class times and after class hours every day.

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Orientation. There will be an orientation session on campus about five weeks prior to departure for Italy and one day of orientation in Florence.

Program Costs. Total program fees to be billed by the Study Away Office: $4,748.00. Includes: airfare (if arranged by the program), classroom & studio space at Santa Reparata International School of Art in Florence; welcome banquet, SRISA & MSU sponsored field trips, entry fees to churches and museums, Study Away fee, an International Student Identity Card, and lodging in Florence including a $250 returnable housing deposit.

Tuition billed for 6 hours credit (in-state undergraduate): $1,164. Students enrolled in a faculty-led short-term program are assessed the Missouri resident rate even if they are out-of-state students.

Other expenses: (estimated) $1,900. (Includes: personal expenses, meals, textbooks, art supplies, passport, and local personal transportation.

Financial Aid. Students who receive financial aid through Missouri State University may apply that aid to the Florence program if eligible. Please see the Office of Financial Aid for details and availability of financial aid. Special scholarships for this program may be available. MSU students who enrolled as first year students (or West Plains transfers) in Fall 2009 or Fall 2010 are eligible for a $500 Study Away Voucher to help with costs of an approved Study Away experience. Contact the Study Away Office for details.

Application Procedure. Complete the Missouri State Application Form and submit to the program director:
- Dr. Mitzi Kirkland-Ives • Ellis 301, MKirklandives@missouristate.edu • 417.836.5427

Payment Schedule. $500 non-refundable deposit due with program application (will be billed to your university student account. This amount will be applied toward your program cost. The second billing will be posted to your student account in February or March 2012.