

## SIENA ITALIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

The International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership

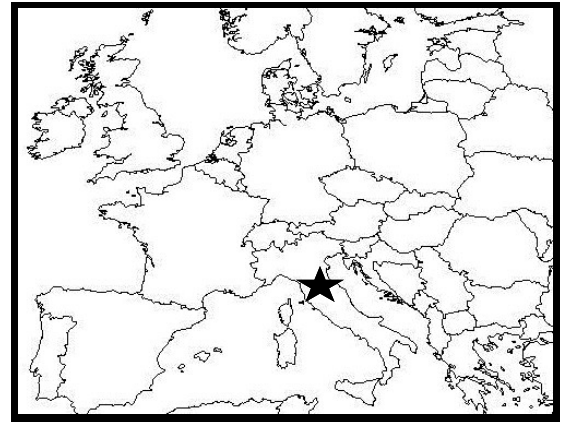
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### APPLICATION DEADLINE\*

February 8: all terms for 2012-2013 academic year

### ELIGIBILITY

GPA: 2.8  
Enrollment is limited.



This program includes the following opportunities:

- Internships     Service Learning     Community/Field Study     Research     Community Service

### CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER: SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER

SPRING SEMESTER: JANUARY—MAY

### PROGRAM

The International Partnership for Service Learning and Leadership (IPSL) offers programs that integrate academic study with substantive community service, creating a powerful dynamic between direct cultural exposure and academic learning. IPSL's Siena program is offered in collaboration with Siena Italian Studies and courses are taught predominately in Italian by SIS faculty. IPSL programs offer a high level of support and include an orientation, cultural activities and guided excursions.

### ACADEMICS

The IPSL program offers intensive Italian language study as part of a set curriculum (21-25 credit hours) that has as its focus, the service learning experience. Students will begin the program with a 3-week intensive Italian language course. For the remainder of the semester, students will continue their study of Italian, while engaging in a two part Socio-Anthropology course. This course offers an in-depth overview of modern Italian society and focuses on the student's service experience, providing guided reflection opportunities that link in the field observations to academic work. Students will serve 15-20 hours per week in an established Italian school or social agency with a focus on one of three areas: education, healthcare, or immigrant and refugee assistance. Students may opt to enroll in one additional elective.

### COST

#### Billed by DU:

- DU Tuition
- DU Technology Fee
- Study Abroad Housing
- Study Abroad Meals

*Non-Cherrington Scholars will be charged a \$50 application fee and a program fee.*

### LOCATION: SIENA, ITALY

Siena is a small medieval city set on a hill in the center of Tuscany. At its heart is the famed fan-shaped Piazza del Campo. Known as "the cradle of the Italian language" and the heartland of the Italian of Dante, Siena is an ideal place to learn Italian. It is located in the heart of wine country just an hour and a half from Florence and approximately 2-3 hours from Rome.

### HOUSING & MEALS

All students will live with Italian host families, providing you an excellent opportunity to further immerse in the local culture and improve your Italian language skills. Meals are included.

### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Through intensive language study, the service learning placement, a homestay, and cultural activities, students on this program have ample opportunities to connect with the local community and immerse in Italian culture. Guided academic excursions throughout Tuscany are provided as part of the program. Explore and *take advantage* of all that Siena has to offer. It is up to you to make the most of your study abroad experience!

### PREREQUISITES

There is no language prerequisite for this program, though students who have previously studied Italian will be at an advantage and will have a wider range of service placement opportunities available to them. You are strongly encouraged to enroll in an Italian course or learn some basic Italian before beginning the program.

#### Student Costs\*\*:

The cost of living varies in other cities and countries. Talk to study abroad returnees from Italy to find out what personal expenses to expect, but remember that they vary by lifestyle. Check [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for current exchange rates.

**\*Instructions on how to apply are on the back of this flyer →**

\*\*For more details on student expenses, refer to DU's web site: <http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/costs.html>

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# HOW TO APPLY

⇒ **Attend Study Abroad 101**

Held weekdays at the I-House. See website for schedule ([www.du.edu/intl/abroad/info\\_sessions.html](http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/info_sessions.html)).

⇒ **Meet with an international education advisor.**

Learn about your options and get answers to your questions.

⇒ **Apply for a passport—<http://travel.state.gov/passport>**

If you already have one, make sure you know where it is and when it expires.

⇒ **Apply to study abroad!**

If you are convinced the program described on this flyer is right for you, follow the steps below to apply.

Turn your COMPLETE application in to the front desk at the I-House.

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. THIS IS A LIMITED-ENROLLMENT PROGRAM.**

## DU APPLICATION: DUE FEBRUARY 8

- University of Denver Study Abroad Application on [MyWeb](#)
- Academic Advisor's signature on your completed and printed online application form
- DU short-answer essays
- Official transcript(s) from other universities attended, if applicable
- Non-Cherrington students will be charged a \$50 application fee to their DU account.

**Note:** *Cherrington status may be revoked at any time due to a change in your student conduct or academic status. Also, the OIE will request your DU transcript; check and clear any holds now to avoid delays in processing your application!*

## PROGRAM APPLICATION: DUE AFTER YOU'VE BEEN NOMINATED

Once you have been nominated for this program, you will be required to submit the following:

- IPSL Application  
Go to [www.ipsl.org](http://www.ipsl.org) and click on the apply now button on the right. Complete and submit the online application. You do not need to pay the application fee; DU will pay this to IPSL on your behalf.
- Two letters of recommendation  
Download the IPSL form to provide to your references. Recommendations should be submitted to the OIE in a signed, sealed envelope. We will forward the letters of recommendation to IPSL along with your transcripts.



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