

CofC in Florence, Italy

PSYCHOLOGY/ GRADUATE CHILD LIFE

July 7- August 5, 2020

PROGRAM FEE- \$3,300*

*(Subject to change & does not include tuition or airfare)

Students will take one of the following courses:

CHLI650: Special Topics in Child Life: Cross-cultural Issues in
Pediatric Psychosocial Care

PSYC410: Special Topics in Cross-cultural Influences: Child and
Parent Interactions and Behaviors

Students will live in center of Florence for an entire month with a integrated trip to Rome and optional trip to Assisi and other smaller Tuscan towns. Both courses will explore the rich history and current focus on child welfare of the Ospedale Degli Innocenti (Hospital of the Innocents). In the 1400's, Florence was the center of the civilized world, with tremendous advancements in the arts, science, and architecture. Ruled by the prosperous Medici family, wealth abounded- but only for a select class. Slavery was also a facet of life in Florence, as was severe poverty. Florence faced a crisis of hundreds of abandoned and orphaned babies, referred to as the "foundlings". Responsibility for caring for these children was given to the "Arte Della Seta" (Silk Guild), one of the most rich and powerful guilds in Florence. They built the first facility dedicated specifically to the care of abandoned children-the first orphanage. Opened in 1445, the Ospedale Degli Innocenti remains in its original form in the center of Florence. Still evident is the "turnstile" style door where a mother was able to leave her baby without being seen by those inside. Above the door, a statue of Mary points down to indicate the appropriate drop off point. Mothers often split items such as a coin or beads threaded on shreds of material, and left half attached to a necklace on the infant being given up, with the hope that perhaps one day she could be reunited with her child. Ospedale Degli Innocenti cared for over 375,000 children over five centuries and continues to advocate for the caravan and children worldwide today. It is also a headquarters for UNICEF and an educational center dedicated to child welfare in Italy and worldwide.



Why Participate in a CofC Summer Study Abroad Program?

- Go abroad with CofC faculty and fellow CofC students for 1 to 5 weeks during the summer term
- Earn CofC credit towards your major, minor, general education, or elective requirements
- Most, if not all, travel logistics arranged by the College (program fee and arrangements vary by program)
- Pay CofC in-state tuition or reduced out-of-state tuition
- Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 available through the Center for International Education; additional scholarships available through other CofC departments
- You may be eligible for additional financial aid during the summer term
- Come home with a lifetime of memories and the strong desire to go abroad again!

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