

Winter in Italy

Dec 29, 2024 - Jan 18, 2025

Siena, Italy

Located on the southern edge of Tuscany, the city of Siena is the perfect place to embrace Italian life to the fullest. Just a short trip from Florence and Rome, Siena isn't overrun by hordes of tourists - allowing you to be welcomed into the local culture. Climb the Torre del Mangia above Piazza del Campo for spectacular views, enjoy a mid-afternoon snack at a local *gelateria*, and gawk at the stunning artistry in the Duomo de Siena.

Housing

While abroad, you live with a host family, enabling you to engage in cross-cultural conversations about Italian and American lifestyles while practicing your Italian language skills. Most meals will be provided through the host family.

Course Options

Students take one course through Siena Italian Studies (SIS), from the options below:

Art History: Italian Costume and Fashion (3 credits)

This course is dedicated to exploring the history of costume in Italy over the centuries, with examples from major works of art from the classical Roman world to the Medieval and Renaissance eras, arriving to the Futurist oddities of the 20th century. Museum and gallery visits will be an integral part of the course.

A Green Renaissance: Sustainable Development in Tuscany (3 credits)

This course will analyze the main issues related to sustainable development, with an emphasis on the relationship between the evolution of the economic system and the evolution of the natural environment. Case studies of Siena and Tuscany will ground the course, with cultural field trips and visits to local organizations.



Application Deadline: October 1st

Application Process

Applications open on September 3rd. The application link will be emailed to all students who have met with a study abroad advisor in the Center for International Programs and expressed interest in J-Term 2025 programs. Students who have not met with an advisor can email international@siena.edu to schedule a meeting. Students must have met with a study abroad advisor to be eligible to apply.

The application consists of short-answer questions in which students detail their program choice, course choice, and why they wish to go abroad to their selected country.

Applications close on October 1st, and students will receive a decision on their application within 1-2 days *after* this deadline. Decisions will be based on capacity limits for certain program locations and courses.

Students will have until October 9th to confirm their acceptance and participation in the program. Once confirmed, students will be sent instructions to complete further paperwork.

Program Cost: \$3,050

Billing & Withdrawal

Program cost covers tuition, housing, meals, international insurance, and cultural visits as part of the course. All fees will be posted on students' accounts by the Office of Business Services. An initial \$500 deposit will be placed on accounts on October 10, 2024, due immediately. The remaining fees will be charged on November 15, 2024, due at the beginning of December.

Accepted students will have until October 9, 2024 to withdraw from the program with no financial penalty. Withdrawals after this date may be subject to non-recoverable deposits and fees.

Additional Expenses

In addition to the program cost above, students are responsible for roundtrip airfare and all personal expenses (souvenirs, independent travel, etc). Suggested flights will be provided to all program participants in mid-October.

