

# Shakespeare and Race Course + Spring Break in Italy

## Spring Course + Spring Break Travel 2024

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### Application Deadline

Applications accepted until **October 16, 2023**. Click "[Apply to Study Abroad](#)" to begin your application.

### Dates

**On-campus course at Meredith:** Spring 2024 semester  
**International travel to Italy:** March 7 - March 17, 2024

### Location

Complete your Literature, Global Perspectives, and Writing Intensive requirements and spend spring break in the heart of Tuscany at Meredith's Italian palazzo in Sansepolcro, Italy! Group excursions include Venice, Verona, Anghiari, and Florence.

### Eligibility

First-year students are not eligible to study abroad until the summer after their first year at Meredith. This program is open to members of the Classes of 2026, 2025, and 2024.

### Student Voices

*"Studying abroad is definitely an opportunity every Meredith student should take advantage of because it affords one experiences that could indirectly contribute to some of the core concepts involved with one's field of study."* - Wanjiru Mambo, Spring 2023

### Course

**ENG 349: Shakespeare and Race** (3 credits, requires Spring 2024 course registration)

Fulfills Global Perspectives, Literature, and Writing Intensive requirements.

This course examines multiple Shakespeare plays in historical context with attention to their modern resonances. Supplementary readings will include critical and literary responses to Shakespeare's work. Contextual research and discussion will include gender, sexuality, race, or class. Pre-requisite: ENG 200.

### Faculty

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## Program Overview

Did you know that 15 of Shakespeare's plays take place in Italy? There is no better way to connect with his works than to experience first-hand the global contexts where they are set!

During the Spring semester, we will study five of Shakespeare's plays and a variety of non-fiction approaches to interracial relations in Shakespeare's work and in our current times. We will also learn about understanding cultures, including our own.

We will meet on a regular basis before Spring Break. The schedule of classes will be created on the availability of the students accepted. The program will add 3 credits to your Spring 2024 course load.

During Spring Break, we will travel to central and northern Italy to visit the settings of the plays we are reading in class. We will start our adventure in Meredith's home away from home, Sansepolcro, where you will be oriented to Italy and Italian culture, and learn about other great creators that preceded Shakespeare's life. We will also learn from local experts about the current political realities in Italy that relate to themes we discuss with the plays. From Sansepolcro, we will travel to Venice for a multi-day excursion. A short train from Venice will take us to Verona where we will tour Juliet's house (from Romeo and Juliet!) and explore palaces and towers built in Shakespeare's time. We will also venture to Florence for an overnight excursion.

There will be three meetings when we return, where you will reflect on what you have learned from our travels and present your final projects.

## Cost

**\$2,500 includes:**

- \$100 non-refundable application deposit
- Accommodations in Italy
- Weekday breakfasts and lunches
- Academic excursions to Venice, Verona, Anghiari, and Florence
- Coach transport to Sansepolcro
- On-site support from Meredith faculty
- Pre-departure orientation and resources

Additional expenses include:

- Round-trip airfare: \$1,800
- Passport, if applicable: \$165
- International health insurance: \$55
- International cell phone plan: \$50
- Personal spending money: \$500

**Note:** Participants must enroll in ENG 349, a tuition-bearing course, during the Spring 2024 semester. Estimates are based on previous student reports. Your spending habits may differ.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

Additional study abroad funding is available. Register for a Funding Workshop and access the scholarship application at <http://meredith.edu/oip>. **Scholarship deadline: October 16, 2023.**

## COVID-19 Protocols

The Office of International Programs strongly recommends all program participants arrive vaccinated against COVID-19 and up to date with all recommended boosters. The OIP will continue to implement ongoing COVID-19 mitigation and response measures in faculty-led study abroad programs.

*Meredith College Office of International Programs reserves the right to make changes to the program itinerary, program capacity limits, schedule, cost, academic program, etc., as necessary.*