

# Italy: Interior Design Studio

## Summer 2024

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### Application Deadline

Early Decision program applications accepted until **December 1, 2023**. Apply early decision for study abroad or study abroad *and* scholarships and receive a decision by mid-January 2024. Regular Decision program applications accepted until **February 15, 2024**. Click "[Apply to Study Abroad](#)" to begin your online application.

### Dates

May 12 - June 4, 2024

### Location

Sansepolcro is a medieval walled city in the heart of Tuscany, where Meredith students have studied abroad for over 30 years. You will live in the beautiful and historic Palazzo Alberti, Meredith College's home in Italy. This three week program includes many group excursions, including Anghiari, Assisi, Deruta, and multi-day excursions in Florence.

### Student Voices

*"The Interior Design study abroad experience in Italy was beyond what I could have ever expected. The best part of studying abroad is that you are always learning and never realize it. Being able to put yourself in these famous historical places is a feeling and learning experience unlike any other. If I could do it all over again I would without thinking twice!"* - Madison Dameron, Summer 2022

### Course

**ID 940: Italian Design Studio** (6 credits)

Fulfills Interior Design Elective and Global Perspectives

This course will include research, sketching, photo documentation and field trips for the study of Tuscan Architecture and Design. Using lectures, field trips and independent study, students will document selected historic buildings and decorative accessories.

By the end of the session, students will have completed a digital portfolio of Tuscan architecture, a sketchbook and other assignments. Students need to have basic Adobe Suite knowledge and have access to the software on their laptops. Additional sketching supplies required.

## Faculty

**Director: Dr. Laura Prestwood, '90**, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator of Interior Design, leprestwood@meredith.edu

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## Program Overview

Imagine studying Tuscan architecture and design while immersed in Italy. Spend your days wandering through buildings constructed of the finest Italian building materials like limestone, travertine, and marble. Bask under the Tuscan sun while you sketch elements of the Old World charm found in wrought iron gates and amazing fountains. Experience and enjoy the vivid history of Italian architects and designers while exploring their creations in situ.

This lecture studio course will include pre-program and post-program meetings on the Raleigh campus, plus a 3-week program at Meredith's study abroad location in Sansepolcro, Italy. Prior to the program abroad, you will be given a course overview and schedule, an introduction to Italian design resources, a review of needed supplies, and other preliminary materials.

In addition to gaining valuable knowledge about Italian architecture and design, you will travel to many towns within Tuscany and beyond! Included in this program are multiple excursions to sites such as Anghiari, Assisi, and Deruta. We will also travel to the magnificent city of Florence for a multi-day adventure. This 6-credit hour course combines lecture, field trips, and sketching.

## Cost

### **\$4,500 includes:**

- \$100 non-refundable application deposit
- Tuition for 6 Meredith College credits
- Accommodations in Italy
- Weekday breakfasts and lunches, plus one group dinner
- Transport to/from Florence airport
- Academic excursions
- On-site support from Meredith faculty
- Pre-departure orientation and resources

### Additional expenses include:

- Round-trip airfare – \$2,000
- Passport (if needed) + \$10 ETIAS visa – \$175
- International health insurance – \$55
- International cell phone plan – \$100
- Personal spending money – \$1,000 - 1,500

**Note:** 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>. **Early Decision scholarship deadline: December 1, 2023 (with study abroad application). Regular Decision scholarship deadline: February 15, 2024.**

## 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.*