Global Fashion Trends
Barcelona & Florence
May 27 - June 10, 2013

Program Details
The study will include visits to art and fashion museums, a wide variety of retail establishments, as well as cultural sites, and other important places, to offer insight into why we, as Americans, shop these cities for trend information.

Students will gain valuable experience into how product developers, designers and trend researchers shop major European cities for color, silhouette and textile inspiration and trend development. Students will be interpreting trends for various target markets. Students will gain an understanding of the difference between American and European designers and retail establishments.

Assessment will be achieved through pre-departure study, paper and presentations, field assignments, group discussions during travel, and a post-travel final project.

Course Offerings
Three (3) credits will be offered. Students can choose to enroll in one course from the following:

Undergraduate
FASH2XXL-150 Fashion Merchandising: Barcelona & Florence

Note: Short-term courses may fulfill elective credit for the Global Studies minor or serve as a Foreign Culture credit or for the Cultural Diversity requirement, as well as core/major/minor requirements. Speak with your Academic Advisor for more information.

Program Directors
Prof. Sonia Roy will lead the program. She has previously led programs in France, Italy, Spain and Brazil. A second full time Marist instructor/chaperone will also accompany the group to assist with logistics and safety.

Students interested in the program need to meet with either program director to discuss program details and to receive permission to enroll in the program. Students cannot register for the course or program on their own.

Academics
The academic portion of the program will be conducted by Prof. Roy. Pre-departure orientations will be scheduled during spring semester at Marist College. Students are required to participate in all aspects of the program and to complete required exercises for a final grade. Course requirements will include a pre-departure study, paper and presentations, a daily journal and field assignments, group discussions during travel, and a post-travel final project. For more about course requirements, please arrange a meeting with Prof. Roy.

Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled orientation/class sessions.

Housing
Students will stay in budget hotels or dormitories (double or triple occupancy).

Meals
A light breakfast is provided on the program. All other meals will be the responsibility of the student. Students are encouraged to explore the culinary offerings available on the program.
Program Highlights
- Program travels to Barcelona & Florence
- Site visits to select cultural and historical places of interest.

Requirements
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Open to students in good academic and judicial standing.
- Program Director must give approval for you to register for the course/program

Important Program Notes
- Fluctuating exchange rates, airline and other fees may lead to cost changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of participants.
- Refund Policy: Please speak with the short-term program coordinator for specific information on the MIP short-term program refund policy prior to making any payments for the program. Enrolling in the course indicates your acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants should demonstrate flexibility and a sincere desire to increase their understanding of foreign cultures and societies, and should possess the emotional strength to adjust to a foreign environment.
- MIP reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as dictated by weather, economic and/or political situations. This may include changes to the scheduled itinerary, program dates, and/or program costs.
- All fees will be refunded if a program is cancelled.
- Graduating Seniors: Please note that students participating in a Spring Attachment course will be able to participate in the May Commencement Ceremony. Your actual graduation date upon which your degree is conferred will be August 31, as your Spring Attachment coursework will not be completed until after the May 31 conferral date. Your diploma will be mailed to you in early September.
- Information in this brochure is subject to change.

Registration Deadline
The registration deadline for spring break and attachment programs is **November 16, 2012**.

Payment Details
Program cost is included with the Spring Tuition bill and is payable by the Spring Bill due date which is early January.

This Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your spring semester course load. If you decide to take this course in addition to your regular full-time course load (16 credits maximum), you will be responsible for any additional per-credit charge ($634.00 per undergraduate credit).

Tuition is not included in the program cost.

**TuitionPay offers a spring only monthly payment plan option.** Contact 1.800.635.0120 or visit their website at www.tuitionpay.com for additional information. Spring plans can be spread over four (4) months, and can be set up in November with first payment due in December.

Information on alternative loans can be found at www.marist.edu/financialaid.

Students are required to pay all fees and costs for the program if the course is added during the late spring add/drop period.

Program Cost: $4,400
- Roundtrip Airfare
- On-site Airport Transfer
- On-site Program Transportation
- Accommodations (double/triple occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (breakfast)
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance
- Travel Insurance (limitations apply)

Cost Not Included:
- 3-credits Marist tuition
- Two (2) meals per day
- Personal expenses, transportation and excursions
- Passport and visa (if required)
- Departure Tax (if required)
- US Airport Transfer
- Gratuities

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