

SUMMER PROGRAMS

When Caroline spent two weeks of her summer at Marist's campus in Florence, Italy, she lived in a dorm, took a class in Fashion, visited the Gucci and Ferragamo museums, and climbed the steps of the Duomo. But Caroline is, in fact, not a college student studying abroad, and her time on Marist's campus in Italy came even before she began her senior year of high school.



Inspired by the rich history the city of Florence has to offer, as well as Marist's tradition of excellence in education, students like Caroline can take part in two-week Summer Pre-College Programs at the Marist campus in Florence, Italy. The programs in Fashion Design, Studio Art, and Interior Design allow rising juniors and seniors to experience college life and study abroad while gaining three college credits.



Marist College ranked in the top ten for study abroad programs for colleges/universities

Offered in partnership with Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici, these are college portfolio development programs. Talented and highly motivated students work alongside Marist's experienced and nationally recognized faculty to enhance their skills, create a portfolio, and experience student life in the birthplace of the Renaissance. As the second most popular study abroad destination for English-speaking students, even those arriving with no knowledge of the Italian language or culture will be able to navigate through their new environment with ease.

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Florence is a student-friendly environment, which offers the opportunity to study while experiencing Florence's rich history, art, cuisine, and architecture. Students will live and work alongside other students from all over the world, and get a taste of college life by living in dorms, eating in the Marist cafeteria, and enriching their interest and skills in prospective career areas. Along with their studies, students have previously traveled outside of Florence to explore the beaches of Cinque Terre, taken bike tours around the medieval town of Lucca, and toured the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Throughout the entire experience students have an

extensive support system of Marist staff, including academic and program mentors, professors, Resident Assistants, and Safety and Security.

Through the Marist Summer Pre-College Program, high school students gain an exciting way to experience college life, and the opportunity to study while immersing themselves in culture and exploring the world. Along with the support of Marist staff, students graduate the Pre-College Program saying, "This was the best summer of my life," while traveling home with a newly developed portfolio and an enhanced skill set that allow them to leave with the skills and confidence essential for success. So join us this summer and become more confident in your abilities, more culturally informed and truly ready to succeed in college.



"The summer pre-college program in Italy was a great experience that not only exposes you to college life, but also to a different culture. It provides a perfect balance of college-level experiences and weekend excursions that expose you to Italy and its history. I felt that this program has helped me to grow as a person and prepare me for experiences later in life."
- Caitlin, West Hartford, Connecticut

GENERAL PROGRAM SPECIFICS

FASHION

- Understanding of fundamental fashion design concepts
- Introduction to sketching and computer-assisted design techniques
- Increased ability to document and describe fashion design and inspiration
- Exposure to the work of great designers in Florence
- Development of fashion portfolio for the college application process

INTERIOR DESIGN

- Understanding of fundamental interior design concepts
- Development of design presentation techniques
- Exposure to the varied design styles that are Florence
- Development of interior design portfolio for the college application process

STUDIO ART

- Increased understanding and knowledge of drawing and composition
- Exposure to the great works of art in Florence
- Development of a substantial portfolio for the college application process



"This experience truly helps a person discover how they feel about going abroad. It gives you a good sense of the academic life and the culture surrounding the city. This has been an experience I will never forget. Florence is such an amazing city to study and learn about something you love."

- Francesca, Frenchtown, New Jersey

FASHION DESIGN

Topics including drawing the fashion figure, color theory, proportion, creation of collection concepts and inspiration board. Previous site visits included the Gucci and Ferragamo museums, fashion showrooms, fabric stores, and a day trip to Prato. Site visits help students' development of their eye for fashion.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Topics including perspective, color theory, design aesthetic, and presentation methods created by hand and computer-assisted design. Site visits will include meetings with working designers, exploring museum collections, and developing the eye of the interior designer.

STUDIO ART

Students will explore still life, human figure, architecture and nature drawing techniques. Students learn fundamental principles of drawing using charcoal, pencil, watercolor, and other media. Exceptional works of art in Florence will be analyzed and serve as inspiration to students' work.