



# Lake Superior College

## FLORENCE, ITALY



FALL 2009

August 31st - December 18, 2009

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Santa Reparata International School of Art (SRISA) is a non-profit American school located in the center of Florence. SRISA offers students the opportunity to study abroad in semester or summer programs. Courses of study include: Photography, Fashion Design, Printmaking, Book Arts, Painting, Drawing, Art History, Museum Studies, History, Politics and Social Science, Literature, Creative Writing, Italian Cinema, Digital Imaging, Journalism, Jewelry Design, Textiles Design, Italian Language (All Levels) and Intensive Italian. Students do not need to be art students to enroll in classes at SRISA. Liberal education classes are also offered.

[www.santareparata.org](http://www.santareparata.org)

## FLORENCE & TUSCANY

Of all the regions in Italy, Tuscany is certainly the most famous and well loved by foreigners. Located in the area once populated by the Etruscans, La Toscana is a kaleidoscope of country churches, olive groves, Chianti vineyards, magnificent sun drenched villas and medieval hill towns that have left an indelible imprint on the imagination of travelers and artist for centuries.

Extending from the Island of Elba in the Mediterranean Sea, through the rolling hills of Chianti, to the marble mountains of Carrara, the region of Tuscany presents a rich diversity of landscape and history. Throughout Tuscany, ancient roads wind through hills and valleys, leading you to such diverse towns as Siena, San Gimignano, Impruneta, Volterra, Arezzo, Cortona and of course Florence.

Nestled rolling hills, olive groves vineyards, Florence sits along the banks of the Arno river and is considered the red roofed gem of Northern Tuscany.

As the veritable birthplace of the Renaissance, the city was home to Dante, Michelangelo, Leonardo, Brunelleschi, and countless other famous artists.

Today it is a thriving metropolis and inspiration to artists from all over the world. Museums such as the Uffizi, Accademia, Bargello, and the Palazzo Pitti house the greatest repository of Renaissance art in the western world.

Along with being the heart of the Renaissance, Florence is well known for its bustling leather markets, ornate palaces, fortresses, and cathedrals. Its medieval streets twist and turn in a bewildering maze and the most unpretentious doorway might lead to a fabulous cloister or hidden piazza. Scattered throughout the city are the monuments that make Florence unique: San Lorenzo, the Duomo, Santa Croce, Santo Spirito, Palazzo Vecchio, Santa Maria Novella and many more.

In addition to visual arts, Florence hosts cultural events in music, theater, dance and film. In May and June of each year, there is the famous Maggio Musicale or May music festival, in which the most important musical artists of our day come to perform. Students appreciate the many free concerts in churches and piazzas, as well as contemporary art exhibitions held in spectacular locations such as the Forte Belvedere, the fortress overlooking Florence.

The city of Florence enriches our study abroad by extending our classrooms into the city and the surrounding Tuscan environs. It opens the doorway for our students to truly experience the richness of Italian history and European culture.



## ACADEMIC COURSES

**ITAL 1010 Italian language classes~ 5 Credits (Italian Faculty)**

Course in Beginning Italian that focuses on grammar, vocabulary and conversational skills. The Italian Language Department at SRISA is committed to the highest quality teaching of the Italian language to foreign students.

**HUM 1120 Art History: Early Gothic to High Renaissance~ 3 Credits (Italian Faculty)**

Beginning with the frescoes of the late 1200's from the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, this course covers the most important artists of the 1300's, 1400's, and early 1500's. Students are guided through the major artistic developments of these centuries from the spatial discoveries of Giotto, to the mathematical discovery of perspective, and on to the rebirth of interest in the classical world. The course covers historical and political events and analyzes their influence on the artistic production. Many class sessions are held on-site in museums and churches to enhance the in-class slide lectures.

**COMM 1115 Intercultural Communication~ 3 Credits (Boyd Dallos, LSC Faculty)**

This course allows the student an opportunity to study the process of communicating across cultures. Major ethnic cultures, as well as significant co-cultures, will become the focus of study. The course will provide experiential as well as cognitive learning. MTC goal areas: (1) Communication, (2) Critical Thinking, and (7) Human Diversity. (Prerequisites: COLLEGE LEVEL READING AND WRITING)

Students will also select one (1) fine arts elective from a list provided by SRISA, not including courses offered at Fuji studio~ 3 Credits

## STUDENT ACCOMODATIONS

Student accommodations for the program dates will be provided in furnished apartments in Florence. Each apartment will have up to three bedrooms, two students per room and no more than six students per apartment. Apartments will include furnished kitchens and linens. All apartments are within a 20 minute walk from the SRISA campus. Reasonable utilities (50 euro/month per student) are included.

Students will pay a \$500 refundable security deposit in addition to the program fees. The balance of your security deposit (less any charges for damages, missing items or utility overages) will be refunded to you within 4-6 weeks of the end of the program.

## EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Welcome banquet and farewell dinner

Museum cards provided to students allow free admission

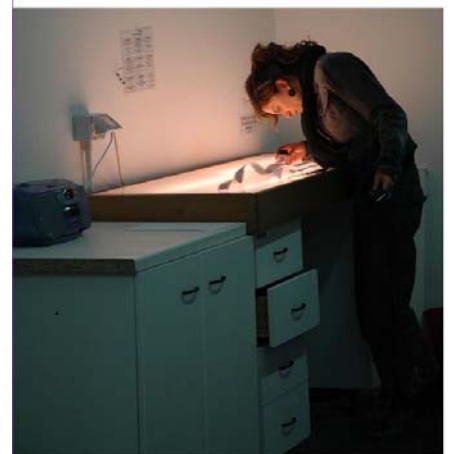
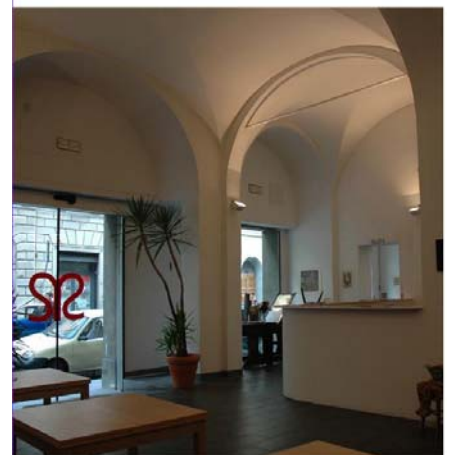
Fall activities including Thanksgiving dinner, Halloween party, special guest lectures and film nights

Orientation Week~ activities include a walking tour of Florence, orientation to Florence, housing orientation, safety lecture, cell phone sign-up on campus, demonstration of public transportation

Group excursion to at least 2 of the following (depending on financial situation at the time of semester) : biodynamic vineyard for tour and lunch, calcio (soccer) match, Pompei, Cinque Terre, Venice

Field trip to Director's country home in Casentino for dinner (includes cooking)

Fall Semester Break: October 16-25



## L S C Faculty Member

Boyd Dallos has fipped burgers at a drive-in, sold encyclopedias door to door, written and sold advertising for a weekly newspaper, served as a Green Beret in Vietnam, worked as a longshoreman for seven years, as a union carpenter for ten, run a group home for children and worked as a psychotherapist with trauma survivors. He has taught communication, sociology, psychology and computers for 20 years at four colleges in the ) O Since 1998 Boyd has traveled annually with students to Western Europe and has recently completed LSC's third Semester Study Abroad in Florence, Italy.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**~ \$8,360.00 + \$500 refundable security deposit for apartment (Based on a minimum of 15 students. Does not include airfare and tuition.) \$500 non-refundable down payment due with application (refunded if not accepted into program.)

- April 15, 2009~ Payment deadline~ 25% of total fees (\$2090) due to SRISA, non-refundable
- June 15, 2009~ Payment deadline~ second 25% of total fees (\$2090) due to SRISA, non-refundable
- July 14, 2009~ Payment deadline~ second half of total fees+ refundable security deposit (\$4180) due to SRISA, non-refundable

\*\*\*Financial Aid may be available from the sponsoring college. Grants, loans, and scholarships may be used to pay program fees.

## Information Meetings

Come pick up an application packet, meet the LSC instructor and discover more about the opportunity to study in Italy! You are encouraged to bring friends, family and anyone else interested!

- Wednesday, December 10, 2008~ 6:25 pm ~ LSC room 2980
- Saturday, January 17, 2009~ 9:25 am~ LSC room TBA
- Wednesday, February 11, 2009~ 6:25 pm~ LSC room TBA

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information or to obtain an application, contact:

Boyd Dallos 1.800.432.2884 ext. 5963 or email: [margo@email.com](mailto:margo@email.com)

Financial aid contact:

Sandy Olin

Tel: (218) 723-4895

Room: W1628

Enrollment Services - Financial Aid Director: [s.olin@lsc.mnscu.edu](mailto:s.olin@lsc.mnscu.edu)

Financial Aid Website: <http://www.lsc.mnscu.edu/StuServ/finaid/>

\*\*\*All students participating in an LSC Study Abroad, Italy Program are required to provide proof of international health insurance.

