



SIS ONLINE COURSES SUMMER 2020

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NEW In Summer 2020: SIS Online Course Opportunities


SIS invites you to consider a **virtual and stimulating study abroad experience** through its new online course offerings. SIS has readapted its **unique instructional approach** EUFICCS to convey the most important aspects of our study abroad program in Siena, Italy to those that have not yet been able to experience the city in person.

SIS prides itself in the teaching of Italian as a second language (and other subjects taught in the L2) in a comprehensive way – allowing students to understand the socio-cultural realities that are inherently tied to the Italian language. In fact, SIS expects that students learning the language will be able to engage with the community around them, acquiring along the way and putting into use a reflective intercultural competence. On site in Siena this is done by a full immersion experience, where students live with host families and take language and content courses taught in Italian, as well as an intercultural reflections course where the students are given space to process and reflect upon their intercultural experience. A cornerstone to the SIS pedagogy is the practice of service-learning in the community, where students on-site can get to know a wide range of social environments while putting their language skills into use (to read more about the EUFICCS pedagogy used at SIS [click here](#)).

In the **online iteration of the SIS program**, specialized SIS faculty have worked carefully to develop unique materials related to learning Italian online, specifically related to Siena, Italy using all of these components. Siena provides a perfect microcosm that can represent nearly all aspects of Italian culture, past and present. SIS strongly believes that linking the learning of a language (and other academic subjects taught in the L2) to this specific and unique place can provide an incredible added value source to the learner.

Beyond live, in-person lessons with qualified instructors, students will be provided with a data bank of specific online material that will allow the student to develop a new kind of familiarity with this place, its people and its language. This may include a series of interviews, videos, pre-recorded lectures, virtual visits and conceptual maps to help learners apply the language to online content and familiarize themselves with the linguistic and cultural context online. Though service-learning can not be done in a hands-on manner during the online courses, the aspect of service in Siena will continue to be prevalent also in here with visits to, and interviews with key stakeholders in the community service sites.





SIS online courses are designed for students who are unable to participate in a study abroad experience at the moment. The courses can also be used to prepare students for their upcoming semester abroad or to complete a foreign language requirement after a single semester abroad.

Virtual Study Abroad: Online Course offerings for Summer 2020

Online courses for the Summer 2020 session will take place over a period of six weeks, held from **June 15 - July 24**. See each course description on our website for exact time and start date.

For each class offering there is an option to enroll in a **class with other learners**, or to participate in a **personalized individual course**. Classes that are with other learners must meet a minimum number of enrollments to be activated.

Courses can be selected individually or as a package for a full summer term of academic credits (9 total credits). **Please note that the academic content courses require an intermediate level of Italian Language proficiency, with the exception of the Intercultural Dialogue, Democracy and Global Citizenship course**, which is instructed in English.

Example of Full Package

Option 1:
Beginner Italian + Intercultural Dialogue, Democracy and Global Citizenship [6 credits]

Option 2:
Intermediate or Advanced Italian + Choice of 1-2 content courses [6-9 credits]

*All SIS courses are **accredited by Portland State University**. PSU transcripts can be purchased for an additional fee—check with your home institution to find out if a PSU transcript is necessary or if SIS courses are accepted directly for credit.

Language Courses:

- **Beginning Italian Language** [Class start date: Monday, June 15 at 9:00am EST, 3 credits]
- **Intermediate Italian Language** [Class start date: Monday, June 15 at 9:00am EST, 3 credits]
- **Advanced Italian Language** [Class start date: Monday, June 15 at 9:00am EST, 3 credits]

Content Courses

- **Food as Medicine** [Class start date: Monday, June 15 at 11:00am EST, 3 credits]
- **Art History: The Middle Ages** [Class start date: Tuesday, June 16 at 9:00am, 3 credits]
- **Italy Land of Migrations** [Class start date: Monday, June 15 at 11:00am EST, 3 credits]
- **History of Italian Cuisine** [Class start date: Tuesday, June 16 at 11:00am EST, 3 credits]
- **Cultural Anthropology** [Class start date: Tuesday, June 16 at 11:00am EST, 3 credits]
- **Intercultural Dialogue, Democracy and Global Citizenship** [Class start date: Tuesday, June 16 at 9:00am, 3 credits] *course instructed in English
- **Second Language Acquisition: EUFICCS Methodology** [Class start date: Tuesday, June 16 at 9:00am, 3 credits] *Graduate level course (intermediate level Italian minimum)

Pricing

Language Courses only:

Language Courses: 50 hours, 3 credits

Individual: 700USD (+ the cost of textbook)

Group class: 450USD (+ the cost of textbook)

Content Courses only:

Content Courses: 45 hours, 3 credits

Individual: 850USD (+ the cost of textbook(s))

Group class: 600USD (+ the cost of textbook(s))

Package deal: Language + content courses:

Individual pricing: Language + 1 Content course: 95 hours
Language + 2 Content courses: 140 hours

1400USD (+ the cost of textbook(s))

1900USD (+ the cost of textbook(s))

Group/Class pricing: Language + 1 Content course: 95 hours
Language + 2 Content courses: 140 hours

900USD (+ the cost of textbook(s))

1300USD (+ the cost of textbook(s))

Further Information

For details such as course calendar, class times and course descriptions please visit our website www.sienaitalianstudies.com.

For other information contact us at info@sienaitalianstudies.com

