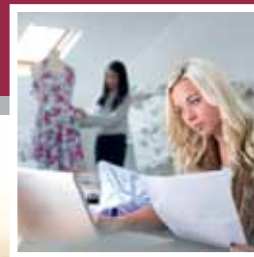
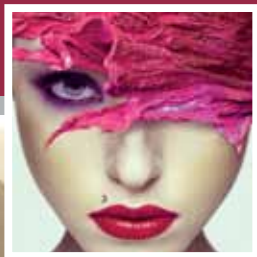


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## PROGRAMS & DEGREES

### STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

- Academic Semester & Year Abroad
- January Intersession
- Summer Session Courses
- Summer Workshops
- Three Cities

### MARIST-LdM DEGREE PROGRAMS

- B.A. in Fine Arts: Art History
- B.A. in Fine Arts: Studio Art
- B.A. in Italian Language
- B.P.S. in Fashion Design
- B.P.S. in Interior Design
- B.S. in Conservation Studies
- B.S. in Digital Media
- B.S. in Studio Art

### MARIST-LdM MASTER OF ARTS

- M.A. in Museum Studies

### CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Archaeology & Ancient Studies
- Architecture in Urban Context
- Fashion Communication
- Fashion Design
- Fashion Marketing & Merchandising
- Fine Arts
- Graphic Design & Visual Communication
- Interior Design
- Interior Design in Contemporary Living
- International Conflict Transformation
- Jewelry Art & Design
- Product Design towards Sustainability
- Restoration & Conservation Studies

# About Lorenzo de' Medici

## The Italian International Institute

Founded in 1973 in Florence, Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM) is Italy's most comprehensive and well-established international institution in higher education. In addition to its main campus in Florence, LdM has campuses in Rome, Tuscania and Venice. Today, LdM hosts over 2800 students annually from all over the world. The educational opportunities at each of LdM's three campuses are deeply rooted in their surrounding environments, allowing students to experience first-hand the inspiring culture of both historical and contemporary Italy. LdM integrates formal, university-level learning with an emphasis on personal growth, individual engagement, and community responsibility.

LdM is affiliated with institutions world-wide and authorized in Italy by the Ministry of Education, (December 2, 1989); it is also accredited by the Tuscany Region as an educational institution (decree n. FI0735, April 4, 2010).

LdM Florence is approved by the US Middle States Commission on Higher Education as a branch campus of Marist College, with particular note on the quality of the LdM facilities and academic environment. LdM is accredited by the CSN of the Swedish government, and it has been awarded the European quality certification ISO 9001:2008 by EQA (European Quality Assurance).

## LdM Mission

Lorenzo de' Medici is committed to delivering a high-quality international learning experience through which students advance along their formal educational paths, develop their creativity, realize their own potential, and empower themselves to impact the world around them.

## LdM DEPARTMENTS OF STUDY

• FLORENCE • ROME • TUSCANIA

### ARTS & SCIENCES

- Anthropology
- Archaeology & Classical Studies
- Art History
- Communications
- Cultural Studies
- Gender Studies
- Geography & Environmental Studies
- History
- International Business
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Music, Cinema & Theatre Studies
- Peace Studies
- Philosophy & Religious Studies
- Political Science & Intl. Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Writing

### CREATIVE ARTS

- Culinary & Nutritional Arts
- Dance, Music & Theatre Performance
- Film, Video & Multimedia Production
- Painting, Drawing & Mixed Media
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Restoration
- Sculpture & Ceramics

### DESIGN

- Architecture
- Fashion Design, Marketing & Merchandising
- Graphic Design
- Interior Design
- Jewelry Design

### ITALIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE

- Italian Language / Culture



## Academics

Dedicated international professors, small class sizes, and inspiring academic field trips make learning at LdM a distinctive and enriching experience for the individual within the context of an international community. Each city is used as a classroom, with its monuments, artwork, industry, and people serving as invaluable resources. Academic learning is enhanced by the opportunity for personal expression and practical application through interdisciplinary projects and engagement with the professional sector. LdM students have integral roles in conferences, festivals, *LdM News* and film productions, archaeological digs, restoration projects, fashion shows and other events, complementing the student's academic experience.

### Language of Instruction

LdM classes are conducted in English, except for Italian Language courses, which are taught in Italian. In addition, some courses from other subject areas are featured in Italian for students proficient in the language.

### Course Offerings and Credit Transfer

LdM offers students over 400 different courses in 32 subject areas among the Institution's three locations. LdM courses are designed to complement a variety of academic majors as well as to enrich the student's experience, education and skills. Courses include, but are not limited to, the Arts and Humanities, Business, Social Sciences, Studio and Performing Arts, Design, and Italian Language and Culture.

**Students may earn US credits for courses taken at LdM.** Students enrolling directly through LdM have the option of receiving either the LdM transcript or a US transcript from Marist College (US accredited institution and LdM partner). Students enrolling through affiliate institutions or providers should contact their program or home institution to learn more about their transfer of credit.

### Faculty

LdM's faculty is comprised of over 200 experienced and dedicated professors. LdM instructors share an international outlook that supports the LdM mission of delivering a high-quality international learning experience. Faculty selection is based on academic qualifications and commitment to community engagement and empowerment, among other LdM core values. Whether co-directing the Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies, organizing the exhibition of student sustainable design projects at the Salone del Mobile trade fair in Milan, or developing collaborative research and internship opportunities for their students, LdM faculty are engaged in scholarship and active in their professional fields outside the classroom.

### Featured Programs

#### Advanced Coursework in Art and Design

LdM has a long history in Art and Design education, employing professors at the top of their fields to instruct beginning to advanced level students in a broad range of courses. Advanced design students at LdM develop the ability to make strategic decisions in professional contexts, read market trends, and formulate dynamic, effective and successful designs. Advanced art students learn historical, modern, and contemporary approaches in a range of media, while stimulating creativity, developing personal style, and preparing for the professional world. Courses aim to elicit students' insatiable drive to create, fostering natural expression and sparking critical reflection, in order to reach a personal approach to their work. Art and Design students attending LdM participate in juried projects sponsored by professional companies and students in the spring may take part in an end-of-semester art competition that involves a wide public audience.

## How to Apply

LdM welcomes thousands of students from all over the world. Please visit our website for complete application materials and contact us for personalized information:

[www.ldminstitute.com](http://www.ldminstitute.com) - [info@ldminstitute.com](mailto:info@ldminstitute.com)



## WHY LdM?

“My experience was life-changing and I will never forget the friends and memories made during my time at LdM. Studying abroad at LdM was the best decision I made during my college career.”

*Layla J. LdM Florence, Summer 2011*

“The staff is so helpful and friendly, and I loved how easy it was to get everything processed. The institution has wonderful professors and classes to take. They were so helpful with orientation, and they truly made sure their students were safe, happy, and satisfied. I would recommend LdM a thousand times over to any student who wants to study abroad in Italy.”

*Elizabeth N. LdM Florence, Fall 2011*

“Small classes make it more personable and easier to meet people... I loved the class trips - as a Classics major, nothing is better than learning about ancient Rome in Rome.”

*Jessica R. LdM Rome, Summer 2009*

“I loved my classes. I chose classes that were very unique to Italy, [and] although they were challenging at times I really enjoyed them and always felt like I left class with a whole new perspective on many aspects of Italian Culture.”

*Kristin J. LdM Florence, Spring 2011*

“During my study abroad experience I began a research project which is now my senior thesis - so it helped my academic focus considerably. Studying abroad also gave me greater self-confidence.”

*Anya W. LdM Florence, Spring 2011*

“Life in Italy was incredible. In Tuscania life was really slow, and peaceful, oh, and full of food!... I would advise other students to study abroad with LdM because they offer a wide range of classes, multiple locations to study in, and the opportunity for the experience of a lifetime.”

*Sallie F. LdM Tuscania, Summer 2011*

## Student Life at LdM

LdM is an Italian institution with 40 years of experience in study abroad, providing students with an authentic intercultural learning experience. In addition to the rich and varied academic content at its three campuses, LdM guides students to a deeper level of understanding of the Italian lifestyle, language, culture, and customs.

### Diversity at LdM

As The Italian International Institute, LdM embraces diversity and welcomes students from all over North America and from over 80 countries worldwide, including Korea, France, Brazil, Sweden, Chile, and Russia, among many others.

LdM encourages intercultural communication among its students from diverse backgrounds, whether geographic, social, or academic, fostering a community of mutual understanding and respect.

### Housing Arrangements

LdM's experienced on-site housing coordinators facilitate student housing placement. Housing options include student apartments, family stay, and independently-arranged housing. Student apartments are the most popular and affordable option, providing the opportunity to live with other LdM students within the historical city center.

### Getting Involved and Getting Around

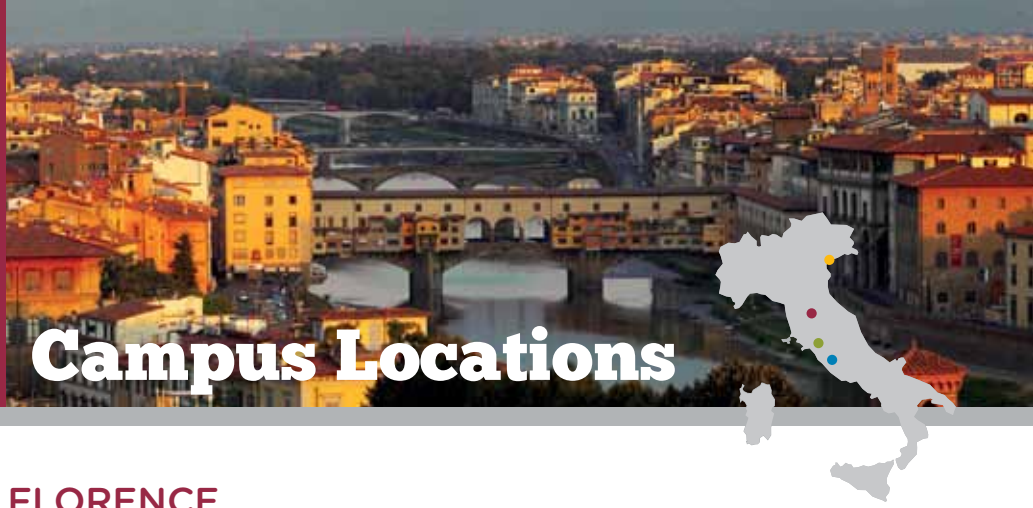
LdM students find many ways to experience Italy's rich culture in and around Florence, Rome and Tuscania – including Italian movie nights, guided tours of important museums and landmarks, theatrical performances, exhibition openings, lectures on Italian culture and life, soccer games, and day trips to nearby towns. LdM premises are located in or near major transportation hubs, allowing students to explore beyond Italy as well.

### Student Services, Clubs and Excursions

Dedicated staff and advisors are available to guide and assist students, providing support, local resources, and current information at the on-site orientation and throughout the program. At LdM Florence, a variety of student clubs offer social and cultural opportunities that connect students with the Italian community.

LdM also offers activities and weekend excursions led by full-time professors and staff to some of Italy's most famous and beautiful locales such as the Alps and Garda Lake, Capri, Sorrento and Pompeii, as well as others outside of Italy, such as the French Riviera and Switzerland.





# Campus Locations

## FLORENCE

The LdM Florence campus is one of the largest international schools in Italy, located in twelve campus buildings in the historic city center near the famous Duomo Cathedral and next to the bustling San Lorenzo market and church.

The LdM buildings are Wi-Fi equipped and contain a full range of facilities including large classrooms and specialized art studios, a cafeteria, courtyard garden, library, student point, and computer center. The vibrant surrounding neighborhoods are filled with shops and restaurants.

**Courses:** Subjects offered in Florence include art history, international business, architecture, fine arts, archaeology and classical studies, communications, public relations, dance, peace studies and globalization, sociology, psychology, wine and cuisine, classic and digital photography, fashion design and merchandising, restoration and conservation studies, graphic and interior design, jewelry art and design, and many more.



## ROME

Rome - the Eternal City - in its unparalleled history, has developed its own flavor both as an ancient and modern world capital. The city's unique metropolitan environment is comprised of small, lively neighborhoods and picturesque districts with hills, piazzas, fountains, churches, and cobbled streets. LdM Rome is located near the city's center in an elegant Umbertine palace in the government and business district. The newly renovated building provides modern, Wi-Fi equipped facilities, including light-filled studios and classrooms. Flourishing Roman shops and restaurants surround the campus, and many famous sites, such as the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, are within walking distance.

**Courses:** LdM Rome students can choose courses in subjects such as history, classical civilizations, art and literature, as well as international business and marketing, political science, film studies, environmental studies, and Italian language.



## TUSCANIA

The historic hilltop town of Tuscania is located in the Lazio region of central Italy, in the breathtaking countryside of the Maremma (south from Florence and not far from Rome). Tuscania promotes full academic and cultural immersion in this pastoral setting. The LdM Tuscania campus is situated in an elegantly modern structure in the old town center that is incorporated into the medieval stone walls. Reading rooms, classrooms, exhibition space, studios, a library, and a computer lab fill the renovated, Wi-Fi equipped interior. The facilities also include a small courtyard and a state-of-the-art culinary classroom for courses in Mediterranean cuisine. As a place that has inspired famous filmmakers, artists, painters, and photographers for centuries, Tuscania has developed a reputation as a center for new artistic forms of expression.

**Courses:** Tuscania presents the ideal location for the study of Italian language, through its full immersion philosophy. The curriculum is designed to embrace the town's historical, artistic and cultural heritage, including such courses as Etruscan, Roman and Medieval history, archaeology and classical studies, fine arts, culinary arts, studio and performing arts, creative writing, literature, and Italian language. Each summer, archaeology field school students in Tuscania participate in an ongoing excavation of an Etruscan necropolis, in collaboration with the University of Florence.



## VENICE

As part of the Three Cities Program (Spring semester), LdM Venice offers the possibility to explore the history of this marvelous and unique city, how it became an economic superpower in the Middle Ages and how its breathtaking architecture was shaped by the Greeks and Muslims worlds. The Marist-LdM Venice Biennale Program (Summer intensive session) focuses on studio art and the still prominent role played by the city in the contemporary art world during the Biennale exhibition.

# Programs & Degrees

The LdM academic calendar follows a semester structure (Fall and Spring) and includes a January Intersession and three, month-long Summer sessions. US credit is available for all LdM programs below.



## ACADEMIC SEMESTER & YEAR ABROAD

The academic semester and year abroad programs foster awareness and understanding of not only the course topics, but also of Italian culture. Students may customize their courses of study from over 400 courses offered in 32 content areas.

## ONE SEMESTER-THREE CITIES

Students may concentrate their entire semester at any one of the three LdM campuses or choose to experience local and regional differences within Italy through the "One Semester – Three Cities" Program, wherein students study Italian language and the roots of Western Culture in Tuscany, Rome, Florence or Venice.

## SUMMER SESSIONS

The summer sessions consist of month-long courses during June, July, and August. These programs are well-suited for undergraduate students seeking summer academic credits as well as independent students seeking a meaningful educational experience.

## JANUARY INTERSESSION

The three-week January Intersession program provides the opportunity for undergraduate students as well as independent or adult students to study abroad.

## MARIST-LdM DEGREE PROGRAMS

International students are able to earn a US undergraduate Bachelor's Degree through LdM partner, Marist College. These fully-accredited US degree programs offer the unique experience of extended undergraduate study at an international institution. The following four-year degrees are available: Art History, Italian Language, Digital Media, Fashion Design, Studio Art, Interior Design, and Conservation Studies.

In continued partnership, Marist College and Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici offer the Marist-LdM Graduate Degree Program at LdM Florence. This interdisciplinary advanced degree program, now offering the one-year M.A. in Museum Studies, offers students an in-depth exploration of how museums operate within their social and cultural contexts.

## FLORENCE & SOUTHERN ITALY SUMMER RESTORATION WORKSHOPS

The hands-on Restoration Workshops, offered in both June and in July, consist of a month-long exploration of restoration, history, religion and culture, balancing studio and classroom instruction at the LdM campus in Florence with restoration field work in another inspiring Italian location.

## SUMMER ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOLS

The Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies (CAMNES) at LdM conducts field schools each summer in ancient Mediterranean archaeology. The intensive field schools are held at important Etruscan sites near beautiful Tuscany, Italy and other Mediterranean locations. Taught in collaboration with the University of Florence, the field schools combine on-site field work and specialized academic instruction by an expert team of archaeologists. Students can receive credits in Anthropology, Classical Studies, or History for successful completion of each field school

## ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The LdM Certificate Programs are designed to develop a student's creativity, artistic talent, and technical skills within structured plans of study. Combining a strong theoretical base with practical work for the pursuit of professional goals, LdM offers one-year Certificates and Professional/Advanced Certificates in the following disciplines: Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing & Merchandising, Graphic Design & Visual Communication, Jewelry Art & Design, Interior Design, Restoration & Conservation, and Fine Arts. These programs begin in the Fall semester each year and are available for US credit.

## ONE-SEMESTER CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Semester Certificates give students the opportunity to gather the professional skills and the theoretical underpinnings of exciting fields in design in a single semester. Subjects are: Fashion Communication, Interior Design in Contemporary Living, Product Design towards Sustainability, Architecture in Urban Context.

In collaboration with CAMNES, the Center for Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies, LdM also offers "Hands-on Archaeology" (Fall semester at LdM Florence) and "Ancient Italy" (Spring semester at LdM Tuscany). Each certificate covers ancient and medieval civilization, and both include an archaeology field school experience in Tuscany at a large and relatively recent dig whose Etruscan tombs have revealed a wide variety of objects over 2,300 years in age.

At LdM Florence, students may also choose to attend the semester-long certificate in International Conflict Transformation, in which case-based and hands-on courses go beyond conflict theory to train students in the practical skills needed to manage a wide range of conflicts in the real world. This semester-long program is offered in collaboration with the University of Florence Department of Peace Studies and The National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC), based in San Diego, California.

## INTERNSHIPS

LdM internships offer students the possibility to learn different aspects of working in the Italian workplace. Italy is known for its artisan and small business structure and LdM strives to place students in these types of companies, which offer not only greater interaction with the student, but also the opportunity to understand the strengths and structure of the Italian workplace in a variety of fields. Internships are available for US credit and are offered in combination with academic courses only.



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