

FACT SHEET

ISTITUTO LORENZO DE' MEDICI

2021-2022



LdM MISSION

Founded in 1973, Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM) is committed to delivering a high-quality international learning experience through which students advance along their higher-education paths, develop their creativity, realize their own potential, and empower themselves to impact the world around them. Experiential learning and an interdisciplinary approach are LdM's main tools to foster students' future professional development.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT LdM

- Founded in 1973 in Florence
- Over 3000 students annually from all over the world (100+ nationalities) * Excluding the academic terms affected by COVID-19.
- 500+ different courses in 36 subject areas
- All courses taught in English, with the exception of Italian language courses
- 2 LdM locations: Florence (Tuscany region) and Tuscania (Lazio region)
- 7 Academic Schools: Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Italian Language and Culture, Creative Arts, Design, Nutrition, Italian Gastronomy and Culture, Science and Mathematics, and Agriculture,
- More than 200 dedicated and qualified faculty members from Italy and all over the world

LdM ACCREDITATION

Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici is:

Registered and authorized in Italy by the Ministry of Education (December 2, 1989); Accredited by the Centrala studiestödsnämnden (CSN), the Swedish Board of Student Finance, by Lánasjóður íslenskra námsmanna (LÍN), the Icelandic Student Loan Fund.

LdM has been awarded the European quality certification ISO 9001:2015 by European Quality Assurance.

Approved by the US Middle States Commission on Higher Education as a branch campus of Marist College, with particular note on the quality of LdM facilities and academic environment.

The LdM campuses in Florence and Tuscania are approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring Semester: **November 15th**

January Intersession: **November 15th**

Summer Session I (June): **April 15th**

Summer Session II (July): **May 15th**

Fall Semester: **June 15th**

Academic Year / One-year Certificates / One-year Professional / Advanced Certificates: **June 15th**

CREDIT TRANSFER

Students may earn US credits for all programs and 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, LdM US accredited partner institution. Students enrolling through affiliate institutions or providers should contact their program or home institution in this regard.



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PROGRAMS AND DEGREES

Academic Semester and Year Abroad programs

LdM offers a variety of study abroad programs of different lengths, ranging from **Semester and Year Programs to Summer Sessions**. Study abroad programs are available at each LdM site (Florence and Tuscania) throughout the academic year.

LdM **Academic Semester and Year Abroad Programs** foster awareness and understanding of not only the course topics, but also of Italian culture. Students customize their courses of study according to their academic needs and personal interests, tailoring interdisciplinary paths of study where creativity meets academic dedication. Students can also choose to experience local and regional differences within Italy through the LdM one-semester **Two Italies Program**. This dynamic program, which starts in Florence and ends in Tuscania, offers students a diverse and informed approach to the multifaceted aspects of contemporary Italy. It allows them to learn more about cultural differences and the settings in which they find themselves.

LdM Internships* offer students the possibility to learn different aspects of working in Italy, a country known for its artisan and small business structure. Internships are available within the context of semester and year abroad programs for US credit and in combination with academic courses only. LdM arranges internships in various fields of study; from Art History, to Communication, Education, Fashion Design, Interior Design, and Graphic Design. Students taking an internship through LdM must fulfill the relevant prerequisites. Placement opportunities are limited and vary on each campus, consult the course schedule to learn more about Internship opportunities per term.

Short-term Study Abroad Programs at LdM LdM Summer Sessions consist of month-long academic courses during June and July. These programs are well-suited for undergraduate students as well as for independent students seeking a meaningful educational experience. Additional summer programs include the Florence and Southern Italy **Restoration Workshops**, the **Archaeological Field School** at the Etruscan necropolises in the surroundings of Tuscania, the **Yoga Wellness Workshop** at LdM Tuscania, and the **Marist-LdM Venice Biennale Program**.

The three-week **January Intersession** at LdM Florence provides the opportunity for undergraduate students as well as independent or adult students to broaden their academic horizon and to deepen their personal experience with an intensive academic program.

US Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Programs at LdM Florence

International students are able to earn a fully-accredited US undergraduate Bachelor's Degree through LdM's partnership with Marist College. The following four-year degrees are available: Art History, Italian Language, Digital Media, Fashion Design, Studio Art, Interior Design, Conservation Studies, and Global Marketing Communication. Furthermore, Marist College and Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici offer an interdisciplinary Graduate Degree Program: the one-year M.A. in Museum Studies, which grants students an in-depth exploration of how museums operate within a social and cultural contexts.

Certificate Programs

LdM Certificate Programs at LdM Florence integrate a strong theoretical base and practical work within structured plans of study for the pursuit of professional goals.

LdM Semester Certificates give students the opportunity to gather the professional skills and the theoretical underpinnings of their field of choice in a single semester. Semester Certificates include: Visual Communication for Fashion, Interior Design in Contemporary Living, Product Design towards Sustainability, Architecture in Urban Context, Italian Gastronomy, and Balance in Nutrition.

LdM One-year and Professional/Advanced Certificate Programs are designed to develop students' creativity, artistic talent, and technical skills, and to prepare them to enter the relevant marketplace. LdM offers one- and two-year Certificates in the following disciplines: Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing and Merchandising, Graphic Design and Visual Communication, Jewelry Design, Interior Design, Restoration and Conservation, and Fine Arts.

Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici is now offering a **Summer Certificate Program** carefully designed to meet increasing demand for on-site educational opportunities that emphasize career readiness within structured yet flexible plans of short-term study. Students can choose from five options that address specific and relevant themes: Wine Business; Ethics; Creativity; Sustainability; Branding).

***Within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, LdM's ability to offer internships that comply with government measures, protect student health and safety, and provide quality, credit-bearing academic internships and non-credit professional opportunities is significantly impaired. Please consult the LdM Course Schedule (per site/session) for available opportunities.**

Student Services at LdM

- Housing Services
Student shared apartments or family stay*
- Special plans for meals and dining
- Library and student labs
- On-site/on-line Orientation
- Dedicated staff of Student Advisors
- 24h Emergency number
- Field Trips

* Housing home stay option is suspended for Fall 2021.