

Direct Enrollment Programs



The Direct Enrollment tracks at the Umbra Institute offer students the unique opportunity to gain a truly immersive experience in Italian culture and in the European style of education. Students can take courses with Italian and international students at two of Perugia's prestigious universities, the *Università per Stranieri* or the *Università degli Studi di Perugia*, enrolling for one semester or a full year.

The *Università degli Studi di Perugia* is for students with advanced proficiency in Italian prepared to participate in university-level courses with local students. The *Università per Stranieri di Perugia* is open to students of all proficiencies from beginner to advanced who wish to learn the Italian

language or perfect their acquired skills through a variety of courses in Italian language and culture.

At Umbra, you will experience the same academic life as Italian and international students do in Italy. However, Umbra students are never alone. The Institute's dynamic student services team is always available to guide and assist you throughout your stay. All Umbra students who direct enroll in an Italian university are assigned a one-on-one peer mentor and Umbra faculty member who provide weekly tutorials and support sessions to ensure a successful, rewarding, and unique international educational experience.

Direct Enrollment at the Università per Stranieri di Perugia: Italian Language and Culture Program

This program is open to students of all levels, even absolute beginners. The Umbra Institute offers this opportunity to students who wish to focus exclusively on the Italian language and culture through full-time study for a semester or the entire academic year. Programs for levels A1 through B2 (Beginner-Advanced Intermediate) have a similar academic structure and are expressly focused on the development of language proficiency. Advanced levels C1 and C2 also include a variety of offerings in the humanities and social sciences.

This program is perfect for students who want to advance or perfect their Italian language skills in a relatively short amount of time. Many students enroll in preparation for graduate school, proficiency exams, or to be able to return to their home institution proficient enough to enroll in advanced courses taught entirely in Italian. The sixteen (16) language and culture credits gained in the semester program are often sufficient to fulfill many university's language requirements, enabling some students to petition for a minor in Italian at their home school.

Direct Enrollment at the Università degli Studi di Perugia

All students will begin the semester enrolled in an intensive Italian language course for one month prior to starting courses at the *Università degli Studi di Perugia*. This month is dedicated to improving the language skills of each student and introducing them to the European university setting. Students will receive six (6) credits of language study for participation in the one-month preparatory program. After this preparation, students will attend regular university classes in the humanities, choosing from courses such as philosophy, literature, history, classics, communications, politics, psychology, anthropology, art history, and many others. This option is perfect for students with a high-intermediate/advanced Italian language background who want to complete course requirements in Italian for their major at home. Like all our Direct Enrollment programs, students have the tutelage and support of dedicated Umbra faculty to assist them through the entire experience.

Advantages of Direct Enrollment through the Umbra Institute

> All direct enrolled students have an Umbra faculty tutor who meets with them at regular intervals to monitor their academic progress and discuss their successes and challenges at the Italian university. This allows students to concentrate fully on their cultural and linguistic experience.

> Every semester, 15-25 *Università degli Studi di Perugia* students study at Umbra Institute. Each US student who direct enrolls at the University of Perugia is assigned a peer tutor, who acts as a guide and partner and introduces the US student to the Italian university system "from the inside."

> All students live within walking distance of the historical town center, the Institute, and the universities, eliminating the 30- to 90-minute commute often faced by students in other Italian cities.

> Students solidify the immersion experience by living in shared apartments with Italian and/or international Erasmus students also attending the *Università per Stranieri* and/or the *Università degli Studi di Perugia*. This placement further improves the language proficiency and immersion process by ensuring that the primary language spoken at home and at school is Italian. It also allows students to further interact with peers studying at the same institutions.

> Umbra is the only US program based in Perugia, a town where relatively few people speak English. Italian is still the *lingua franca*, or working language, among Peruginos, as well as the many international students populating the city. Day-to-day interactions take place in Italian by necessity, making Perugia a perfect backdrop for language studies.

Admission Requirements

Students accepted into the Direct Enrollment tracks should exhibit maturity, responsibility, openness, and a fervent interest in a challenging academic environment. Students wishing to study at the advanced level must demonstrate sufficient linguistic proficiency.

What's Included in the Program

Airport pick-up, 3-day orientation, tuition, housing, resident director and support staff, Institute and university facilities, cultural activities, discount card, 24-hour emergency services, weekend "solo Italiano" field trip, two academic field trips, cultural workshops, and grade report/transcript.

The Università degli Studi di Perugia

The *Università degli Studi di Perugia* is one of Europe's oldest universities, formally established in 1304. It is a leading university in Italy with 34,000 students from all regions of Italy and many European and non-European countries. As elsewhere in Italy and most of Europe, there is no single unified campus, but university buildings and offices located throughout the entire city.

The Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, where students directly enrolling through Umbra Institute take the majority of their classes, is located in the beautiful eighteenth century Palazzo Manzoni, right in the historical center of Perugia and just steps away from Umbra's main building and administrative offices. Adjacent to Palazzo Manzoni is the university's newly opened Library of the Humanities—a popular spot for students to study, do their research, and socialize with one another.

Students enrolled at the *Università degli Studi di Perugia* through Umbra can take advantage of all the extra-curricular activities the university offers to its students, such as chorus and theatre groups, as well as a wealth of facilities, including the cafeterias (there are four to choose from) and an Olympic-sized pool. There is also a sports complex that organizes outings, tournaments, and courses.

The Umbra Institute has developed an academic relationship with the *Università di Perugia* to create a Direct Enrollment experience for its students that is both intellectually stimulating and rewarding on a cultural, social, and personal level. Students direct enrolling through Umbra are registered as students both at the *Università di Perugia* and the Umbra Institute.



The Università per Stranieri di Perugia

The *Università per Stranieri di Perugia* is the oldest and most prestigious Italian institution specializing in the instruction of the Italian language. Founded in 1921 to expose international students to the history, culture, language, and beauty of Umbria and Italy, today the "Stranieri" is an important center for both the teaching of Italian and the development of new educational methodologies for instructors of Italian as a foreign language. It hosts approximately 5,000 students from over 100 different nations each term.

The *Università per Stranieri*'s principal location is in the beautiful Gallenga Palazzo located in the heart of the city, opposite the 2,000-year-old Etruscan arch and only a short walk from the Umbra Institute. Over time the *Università* has expanded to include three other buildings, the Palazzi Lupatelli, Prosciutti, and Orvieto, which are located in a lovely green zone that borders the city's historical center and is within walking distance of Palazzo Gallenga.

The Umbra Institute works closely with the *Università per Stranieri di Perugia* to create a study abroad program that incorporates this stimulating international environment. Italian Language and Culture participants are registered as students at both the *Università per Stranieri di Perugia* and the Umbra Institute.



Discover More

For additional information about the Direct Enrollment track, please send an email to info@umbra-institute.com or visit the Umbra Institute website at www.umbra-institute.com.

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About the Umbra Institute

Nestled in the historic center of Perugia, Italy, the Umbra Institute offers semester, summer, and year-long study abroad programs for American and Italian college students. Since its origin in 1999, the Institute has continued to set itself apart as a provider of distinctive academic programs, allowing students the opportunity to learn both in and beyond the classroom in the vibrant city of Perugia. Continuing its tradition of excellence, the Umbra Institute offers exciting opportunities for service learning and community engagement, internships, and volunteer activities. Umbra semester programs include:

- The General Studies Semester Program (Free Elective program)
- Italian Language & Culture Program (Direct Enrollment at the *Università per Stranieri di Perugia*)
- Direct Enrollment at the *Università degli Studi di Perugia*
- The Food Studies Program
- Academic Internships, Service Learning, and Honors Programs

Our Ideal Location

Perugia is located about halfway between Florence and Rome in Umbria, a region known as the "green heart of Italy" for its lush natural treasures and central location. Umbria is a large and diverse region—abundant with mountains, lakes, river valleys, and agricultural fields—and is well-situated for those enticed by the local hilltop towns and scenic luminescence of Umbria and Tuscany.

As the regional and provincial capital—known in Italian as "capoluogo"—the city of Perugia is a focal point for many visitors to the region. This authentic and intimate town exudes regional pride for its art, tradition, and cuisine, not to mention a history that spans over 2,500 years.

Remarkably, the historic center of Perugia has preserved an old-world feel, uniquely characterized by its Etruscan walls, medieval churches, winding cobblestone streets, and Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Against this charming backdrop, you'll find many modern amenities. Corso Vannucci, which pierces the city center, is a broad pedestrian thoroughfare constantly pulsing with energy from the countless restaurants, jazz cafes, pubs, and cultural exhibits nearby.

One of the most appealing aspects of Perugia is its population. Nicknamed Italy's "University City," Perugia is home to tens of thousands of students—the largest single group in the city—who attend the *Università degli Studi di Perugia*, the *Università per Stranieri di Perugia*, and the many studio and performing arts schools in the area. Living and studying in Italy's preeminent university town offers extraordinary educational and cultural opportunities. Students have the opportunity to interact on a daily basis in and out of the classroom with both local Italian students and their professors. It's difficult to find a more appropriate backdrop for truly immersive student life in Italy.



"Direct Enrollment at the Università degli Studi di Perugia offers Umbra students a degree of cultural integration that I did not think was possible before I came to Perugia. There is no better way to really know and understand Italian culture and learn Italian than by spending hours every day with Italian students in their environment. It is one thing to study Italian in a classroom with other foreign students; to have that knowledge tested every day by interacting with Italian professors and peers is challenging, but also incredibly rewarding. When you are open and friendly, Italian students are very warm and helpful in return, welcoming you into their daily lives and their groups of friends. Experiencing this for a year in Perugia was absolutely beautiful, and I will always cherish the memories I have and the individual I have become as a result."

Edward Besse, University of Scranton, Fall 2009/Spring 2010

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Planning a semester in Italy... just to hang with Americans?

**Direct Enrollment through the Umbra Institute
For Students of ALL Italian Language Levels**



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