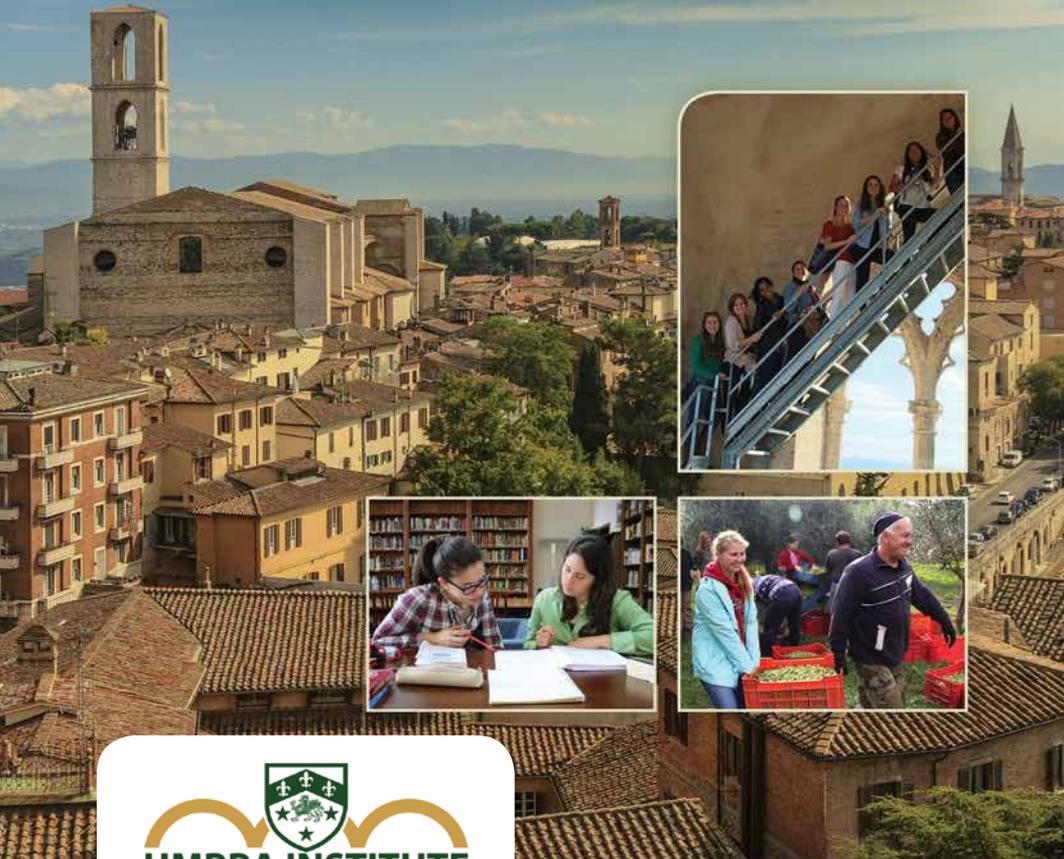


# STUDY ABROAD IN PERUGIA, ITALY



Discover the real Italy.



# Study at the Umbra Institute.

Often called “the big university town in a small Italian city,” Perugia is home to the Umbra Institute, an American study abroad program offering semester, year-long, and summer programs. Students can choose from a variety of courses with integrated field trips to world-famous Italian cities and sites, community engagement opportunities, and extra-curricular activities. The diverse Umbra faculty and friendly staff strive to incorporate a **genuine Italian experience** into all elements of the academic curriculum and student experience.

Perugia's hilltop location serves as the ideal backdrop for study abroad in Italy. Rich in art, architecture, and historical significance, it is internationally recognized as a city of learning. The ancient city is surrounded by the rolling hills of Umbria and Tuscany. While lying off the beaten path, travel from Perugia is easy as Rome, Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Cortona lie only a short distance away.

## Semester and All-Year Academic Programs:

- **General Studies Program** (*usually 14-18 credits*): courses offered in a wide variety of subjects with a strong emphasis on community engagement.
- **Food Studies Program:** an interdisciplinary curricular concentration with courses on Italian food culture, sustainability, and the business of wine.
- **Intensive Italian Language & Culture Program** (*16 credits*): for students of all levels of Italian from beginner to expert who wish to focus exclusively on Italian language skills with cultural studies. In cooperation with the Università per Stranieri di Perugia.
- **Direct Enrollment at the Università degli Studi di Perugia** (*usually 14-18 credits*): courses in a variety of subjects including the Humanities, Politics, Science, and Engineering departments.
- **Academic Internships, Honors Program and Independent Research** options.
- **Cooperative Education Learning (Co-Op):** full-time work for a community partner as a compensated intern.



## Summer Programs:

**General Studies Summer Program** (*3 to 6 credits*): five-week program consisting of one or two elective courses from a diverse list of offerings.

- **Intensive Italian through Culture Program** (*8 credits*): six-week intensive language course and cultural activities for all levels.
- **Trasimeno Archaeological Field School** (*6 credits*): curricular concentration in Archaeology and History based in nearby beautiful Castiglione del Lago with daily excavations.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT UMBRA

Perugia's manageable size along with Umbra's diverse community engagement offerings and thriving partner relationships help enrich students' study abroad experience through direct contact with locals of all ages and in a variety of fields. Nearly 80% of students participate in community engagement initiatives such as service learning projects, academic internships, and volunteering.

Offerings include:

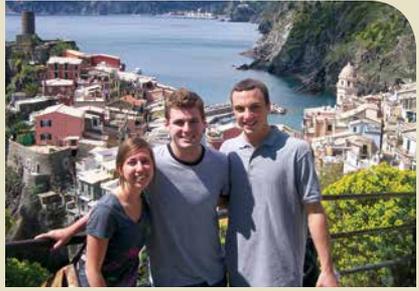
- Academic and Summer Internships
- Service Learning Projects
- Community-Based Courses in Psychology and Urban Planning
- Independent Research with Community Partners
- Volunteering in the Perugian Community
- Cooperative Education Opportunities (Co-Ops)

## FACILITIES

The Umbra Institute is located on the magnificent Piazza IV Novembre in Perugia's historic center. The Institute occupies the main floors in the centuries old Franciscan cloister of the Cathedral of San Lorenzo, also known as the *Duomo* of Perugia.

## STUDENT SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Umbra provides a comprehensive system of support from pre-departure assistance to post-return services. Throughout the experience, the Umbra staff are always ready to assist students when needed, including our 24-hour hotline and experienced counselor on staff. The Umbra cultural activities series includes an abundant variety of socials and mixers, language exchange, food tastings, local field trips, cooking and pizza making workshops, volunteering activities, and more. At Umbra we focus on making students part of the local community.



## HOUSING, MEALS, AND STUDENT LIFE

Umbra students are well-integrated into the daily life of the school and city. The Housing Office arranges accommodations in the city center within walking distance of the Italian universities and the Umbra Institute. Students can choose between shared Umbra student apartments, housing with Italian or international students, or a homestay. Meals can be prepared or purchased in the university cafeteria or in one of the many affordable Perugian restaurants, *trattorias*, and pizzerias. Perugia has a well-established student social scene, where Umbra students can take full advantage of the public spaces, pubs, and cafés brimming with Italian and international students.



**UMBRA VIDEOS ONLINE**  
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Seeing is believing!

## THE UMBRA INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS

- Full-service program from pre-departure assistance to post-program return;
- U.S.-based staff for questions and personal assistance;
- Private airport pick-up in Rome and transfer to Perugia;
- Two-day orientation in Perugia including a practical city walking tour. Student handbook and local guidebook made by past participants;
- Educational and cultural workshops on independent travel, living in Italy, etc.;
- No prior study in Italian necessary for participation;
- Italian language courses with organized tandem exchange events with Italian university students;
- A variety of extracurricular activities (pizza-making workshop, sports with Italian university students, etc.);
- State-of-the-art classrooms and study facilities and Wi-Fi in all student apartments;
- Experienced and trained international staff and faculty;
- Communication: monthly newsletters, Umbra blog;
- Cell phones or SIM cards rental services available;
- Co-curricular field trips to relevant world-renowned historic sites in Italy;
- Optional travel excursions throughout Italy and hosted by institute staff;
- Emergency phone and medical care available 24 hours a day as well as life-coaching and counseling services; and
- Alumni Association.

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## THE UMBRA INSTITUTE IN PERUGIA

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