



Italy



Freshman Seminar in Tuscania and Florence

What's this program about?

More than seven centuries ago the great Italian poet Dante Alighieri called one of his works "Convivio" which, translated into English, means Banquet. Dante invited to this banquet all those who desired to learn. He felt that learning should go hand in hand with the pleasure of sharing food. Italy's history and art are intertwined with the development of its celebrated cuisine. We invite you to a banquet of learning about civilization and art and food in Tuscania, in the center of the ancient home of the Etruscans, the first great Italian cooks. We will experience first hand their little known civilization and their important contribution to Roman civilization and to the Renaissance. The history of food, its importance in the lives of people, its place and production in today's global economy, will be a part of the total experience we want to offer you in one of the loveliest hill towns of central Italy.

More details about this program can be found at
http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/freshseminar_italy.html

MSU sponsor: Office of the Provost and the Office of Study Abroad

Seminar dates: July 8 – 23, 2008 with follow-up meetings on campus during fall semester 2008

Academic focus*: Mangia: The Science and Culture of Italian Food OR Italian Influences: History, Art, and Culture and their Modern Relevance

Requirements: Applicants must have first-year freshman status at MSU beginning in fall 2008

Program fee:** \$4,199 (2008)

Deadline: April 20, 2008

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