



Italy

Highlights

Italy has consistently been one of the top destinations for UGA study abroad with 455 students visiting in the 2016-2017 academic year in 8 distinct study abroad and 1 exchange programs.



UGA has maintained a physical presence in Italy since 1970 through its residential and teaching center in Cortona. Students can enroll in a variety of arts-related and other courses in Fall, Spring, Maymester, and Summer terms.

UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the Università degli Studi di Padova have developed a Dual Degree Master's Program in Crop and Soil Sciences. Upon completion, students receive two Master's degrees, one from UGA and another from the Università degli Studi di Padova.

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Active Partnerships

12  Rank
5

Joint Publications

298

UGA Students Abroad

455  Rank
2

Visiting Scholars

13  Rank
7

UGA Faculty Visits

124  Rank
3

International Students

9

UGA Education Abroad in Italy

During the 2016-2017 academic year, 455 UGA students studied in Italy. Current UGA study abroad and reciprocal exchange programs in Italy include:

Program	City/Destination	Focus
Advanced Music Performance in Italy	Alessandria, Milan, Parma, Turin, Venice	Study Abroad
Art and Gardens of Italy, France, England, Scotland, and Ireland	Florence, Naples, Pompeii, Rome, Tuscany	Study Abroad
Food and Nutrition in Italy	Florence, Pompeii, Rome, Venice, Verona	Study Abroad
Study Abroad Experience in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle School Education	Modena	Study Abroad
Politecnico di Torino	Turin	Student Exchange
Professional MBA International Residency	Cortona	Study Abroad
UGA Classics in Rome	Rome	Study Abroad
UGA in Cortona	Cortona	Study Abroad
Verona Study Abroad Program	Verona	Study Abroad

UGA Cortona Campus

The UGA Cortona program, housed in UGA's Lamar Dodd School of Art, was established in 1970. Students benefit from generous support of the government and local citizens that has been built over 44 years of goodwill and respect. Unlike many popular study abroad destinations in Italy, such as Rome and Venice, Cortona is a small, hilltop community in the Tuscan countryside with a fascinating local culture. Since 1978, Cortona and Athens have been sister cities.

UGA's residential program in Cortona provides students with the opportunity to take a wide variety of courses in the visual arts, as well as classes in Italian language and horticulture. Students commit to developing their creative skills in the visual arts and to serious study of Italian language and culture. Approximately 275 students per year travel to Cortona, participating in Fall, Spring, Summer and Maymester programs, where they live in a 15th century monastery. The campus features newly-renovated dormitories, studios, computer facilities, and an on-site library. Students' courses are supplemented by travel to cities such as Rome, Naples, and Venice. In total, over 8,000 UGA students have studied in Cortona.

Academic Collaboration and Exchange in Italy

During 2007-2017, UGA faculty collaborated with colleagues in Italy to jointly publish 298 scholarly articles. Top areas of cooperation during this period included: Plant Sciences, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Genetics and Heredity. Top collaborating institutions in Italy during this period included: the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, University of Milan, Sapienza University of Rome, and the Università degli Studi di Padova.

Institutional Collaboration

Italy is home to over 10 UGA formal institutional partnerships.

Institution	City	Focus
Conservatorio "G. Verdi" Tornio	Turin	Faculty and student exchange; hosts UGA's School of Music's study abroad program
Conservatorio di Musica A. Boito	Parma	Student internships and faculty exchange
Conservatorio di Musica Alessandria	Alessandria	Student and faculty exchange, hosts UGA's School of Music's study abroad program
English for Everybody	Brescia	Study abroad
Insubria Center on International Security	Varese	Collaboration in international trade and security
Istituto di Scienze delle Produzioni Alimentari	Bari	Collaborative agricultural research
Politecnico di Torino	Turin	Student exchange
Università degli Studi di Padova	Padua	Dual degree in crop and soil science
Università degli Studi di Perugia	Perugia	Graduate student exchange in veterinary medicine
Università degli Studi di Roma "Foro Italico"	Rome	Collaborative research in education
Università degli Studi di Verona	Verona	Collaborative research in biochemistry and molecular biology
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia	Modena	Collaborative research on biological control agents

Conservatory Partnerships

UGA's Hugh Hodgson School of Music is involved in three partnerships with Italian music conservatories. Through the first of these partnerships, faculty and students at both UGA and the Conservatorio "G. Verdi" Torino receive high-level training in composition and performance at the partnering institution. Collaboration with the Conservatorio di Musica A. Boito focuses on the brass and vocal areas; the program involves Italian students traveling to UGA to participate in an internship program and UGA students traveling to Italy to take musical and master class activities. Additionally, faculty members from each institution present lectures at the other. Through a third partnership with the Conservatorio di Musica di Alessandria, UGA students take advanced and intense instrumental studies each spring. Italian students take part in a similar exchange in the fall, and short-term faculty exchange is likewise a component of this partnership.

Insubria Center on International Security Partnership

Faculty and staff from UGA are assisting various European governmental authorities in conducting self-assessments in Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear facilities, with Italian faculty and staff helping to develop CBRN security culture instruments and curriculum at UGA.

Istituto di Scienze delle Produzioni Alimentari Partnership

This agency of the Italian government focuses on agricultural research, specifically greenhouse production, irrigation, the use of soilless substrates, and hydroponic production methods in Mediterranean climates. UGA faculty have collaborated with the Istituto di Scienze delle Produzioni Alimentari to study greenhouse irrigation, and cooperative research is planned to continue in other areas, including automated greenhouse efficiency, with potential funding from the European Union.

Dual Master's Degree Program with the Università degli Studi di Padova

In this collaboration, students at both UGA and the Università degli Studi di Padova spend a year at each institution completing requirements for a Master's degree in Crop and Soil Sciences, including courses, research, and a thesis. Students investigate areas such as nutrient and water recycling, soil health, and biodiversity integration in weed, insect, and disease control. Upon completion, students receive two Master's degrees, one from each institution.

Università degli Studi di Perugia Partnership

UGA hosts veterinary and graduate students from the Università degli Studi di Perugia, who are exposed to veterinary practices in a variety of contexts. UGA faculty and students also travel to Perugia to conduct research and attend seminars.

Università degli Studi di Roma "Foro Italico" Partnership

UGA's College of Education and the Università degli Studi di Roma "Foro Italico" have received external grant funding to support the development of an online teacher-education training platform that targets children's physical and mental development.

Università degli Studi di Verona Partnership

UGA's Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology has partnered with the Università degli Studi di Verona to engage in collaborative research on the biochemistry of Parkinson's Disease.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia Partnership

UGA and the University of Modena-Reggio Emilia are working on biological control agents to be deployed as seed treatments and hope to obtain funding from the Italy-USA Science and Technology Cooperation Program.

Department of Romance Languages

UGA's Department of Romance Language offers over twenty Italian-related courses, including studies of Italian language, literature, and culture. Students can earn a B.A. and minor in Italian, as well an M.A. and Ph.D. in Romance Languages, which can include courses in Italian and other romance languages.

Department of Classics

The Department of Classics at UGA offers courses in Latin and Roman art, culture, and geography. Students can earn a B.A. in Classical Culture or Classical Languages, a M.A. in Classical Languages, as well as a joint B.A./M.A. in Classical Languages. The Department of Classics also offers a Classics Summer Institute, through which students can earn a Master's degree during the summers, and an online post-baccalaureate certificate program designed to provide students with advanced levels of Latin needed for graduate study.