

## Italy Study Abroad: Some Program Comparisons

Provider	Estimated Cost	Duration
<b>EF Education: Renaissance Tour</b>	starts at \$1325 (includes tour guides, hotel, transportation in Italy)	8 days (2 in Florence)
<b>NETC: Discover Tuscany</b>	from \$1900 (includes tour guides, hotel and transportation in Italy)	8 days (6 in Florence)
<b>Loyola University: Rome Program</b>	from \$6000 (tuition is for 1 four-unit class—tuition is \$663/unit; does not include food, books, misc. expenses)	4 weeks
<b>SRJC Community Education: Urbania</b>	from \$3500 (Includes: various room and board options, tuition for classes at Dante Alighieri Institute, some field trips)	3 weeks
<b>California State University (CSU) International Programs: Italy</b>	c. \$6,500-10,500 (costs vary depending on city and housing and other options selected; tuition alone is c. \$1950)	semester
<b>University of California Education Abroad Program (UC-EAP): Italy</b>	c. \$9,500-13,000 (costs vary depending on city/housing and other options selected; tuition alone is c. \$4150)	semester
<b>SRJC Study Abroad: Florence</b>	c. \$7,175 (Includes: apartment, study center services, pre and post departure orientation, subsidized social/cultural program, medical and refund insurance deposit, wireless access at study center, plus a card to use at internet cafes in Florence, and museum pass)	semester

*I know what you're thinking... ARE YOU CRAZY? In times like these? Well, yes, the cost might seem high at the moment, but you should consider the following. First of all, the trip is, as of this writing, months away. If you adjust your priorities (Say to yourself, "Well, I could buy this download for my I-Pod, OR, I could go to Italy!") Second, the cost includes accommodation. Believe me, you could not live in Italy, much less Florence, for three months for that kind of money. Remember, you'll be taking the same type of GE, transferable courses you would be taking on your home campus, but you'll be doing it in Italy! Seriously, for the amount of money you'll spend, for the program, the air travel, food and discretionary travel, you'll gain far more in terms of changing your life than simple dollars can measure. – blog message from Ken Alexander, Florence Study Abroad faculty, Contra Costa Community College*

## STUDY ABROAD FINANCIAL AID

### Financial Aid:

All grants and financial assistance are applicable to the program. For further information about financial aid, please contact the Santa Rosa Junior College Financial Aid office at (707) 527-4471 or visit their Web site at <http://www.santarosa.edu/finaid/>

### Special SRJC Scholarships Available:

- **American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) Scholarship** (\$500)
- **Ruth Parlé Craig Study Abroad Scholarship** (\$TBD; historically c. \$1000)
- **Ava and Sam Guerrera Study Abroad Scholarship** (\$TBD; historically c. \$2000)
- **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship** (up to \$5,000)

An application for the **AIFS Scholarship, the Ruth Parlé Craig Scholarship, and the Ava and Sam Guerrera Study Abroad Scholarship** can be obtained by can be obtained by downloading a writable pdf form on the SRJC Study Abroad website at [www.santarosa.edu/sa](http://www.santarosa.edu/sa)

The **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program** offers a competition for awards for study abroad for students who are receiving federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university. Award amounts vary, but can range up to \$5,000. To apply for the on-line Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, visit the following website: [www.iie.org/programs/gilman](http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman). Please note: list Dr. Kris Abrahamson as your Study Abroad advisor and Margaret Mann as your Financial Aid advisor on the Gilman Scholarship application.

**Important Notes Regarding SRJC Scholarships:** **1)** Funds awarded for scholarships at SRJC are contingent on the availability of revenue from scholarship sources. **2)** To be considered for any of these scholarships, you must have already turned in your AIFS application for the Florence Study Abroad Program to the SRJC Study Abroad Office (located in Bailey Hall, 1330, on the Santa Rosa Campus).

### Other Scholarships Available:

- The **North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation** is offering six scholarships (\$400 each) for SRJC students studying Italian. **Deadline is September 18, 2009.** Eligibility for this scholarship is enrollment during Fall 2009 semester in an Italian 1, 2, or 3 class at SRJC. (NOTE: You do not have to already have an AIFS application already on file to apply for this award.) Go to <http://www.nbicf.org/FALL2009SRJCCITALschola.pdf> for the application.
- Use the Internet to locate other Italian-study related scholarship/ grant opportunities (e.g., NIAF, Sons of Italy, Knights of Columbus, Italian Cultural Institute, etc.) that may apply!