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# GAP YEAR FLORENCE, ITALY



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## GAP YEAR STUDIES

AT AN IMPORTANT TIME IN YOUR LIFE BEFORE MAKING A CHOICE FOR WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO STUDY AT COLLEGE, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE YOUR TALENT, CURIOSITY, AND PASSION IN ART AND DESIGN. IN FLORENCE, YOU WILL BE IN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND BEAUTIFUL CITIES FOR ARTISTS, WITH THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF MASTERPIECES IN THE WORLD. WHILE IMMERSING YOURSELF IN THE HISTORY OF THIS CITY, YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF AT THE HEART OF CONTEMPORARY ART AND DESIGN. THIS EXPERIENCE WILL HELP YOU GAIN PERSPECTIVE, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILLS, AND PROVIDE YOU WITH A FOUNDATION FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER WHEREVER YOU DECIDE TO STUDY.



## INTRODUCTION

Studio Arts College International (SACI) Gap Year programs are designed to offer high school graduates the opportunity to study abroad before entering their freshman year of college. Students can participate in a year or a single semester or term abroad with SACI. Gap Year programs are great opportunities that allow students to gain real-world knowledge that cannot be learned in a classroom and to return home more motivated, focused, and prepared for their first year of college. At SACI, students can benefit from our wide range of courses to build their portfolios for admittance into art schools and liberal arts colleges and universities.

## SACI/FLORENCE AND TRAVEL

While studying at SACI, Florence becomes the classroom! Field trips throughout Tuscany and elsewhere in Italy are an integral and deeply rewarding part of the SACI experience. Locations that are typically visited include Venice, Rome, Milan, Naples, Bologna, Pisa, Lucca, Ravenna, and Siena. Students attend field trips with their classes as well as additional field trips open to all students. Tuition includes all required class field trips and museum entrances.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

The extensive range of studio arts, design, conservation, art history, and Italian culture and language courses provides SACI students with the means to meet their individual educational needs while connecting them with the rich cultural heritage of Italy. In both Fall and Spring, a student can enroll in four to five classes for a total of 15 college credits. In both Late Spring and Summer, a student can enroll in two classes for a total of 6 college credits.

SACI's facilities are located in the heart of Florence, just steps away from Michelangelo's Medici Chapel, Fra' Angelico's masterpieces in San Marco, the colorful Mercato Centrale, and the Duomo. As part of their classes, SACI students can create artwork for local hospitals and restore major art treasures that are a part of Italy's cultural heritage. Outside of class, student volunteers can assist in the teaching of English at elementary schools, serve as English-language museum guides, and aid at human rights agencies.

In addition to traveling to many famous Italian cities, students visit local Florentine museums and historic sites, artists' and designers' studios, private collections, galleries, and art fairs. They have access to modern and historic art collections, research libraries, and contemporary art museums.

SACI has developed collaborations with the Galleria dell'Accademia, the Bargello, the Museum of Anthropology, and the Ferragamo Museum that enable students to work on site-specific projects at these renowned museums.

## SUPPORT

SACI understands the importance of maximizing engagement with the culture and forging professional, practical, and applicable skills which will empower our students throughout their lives. Preparing students for the experience they are yet to have with SACI, offering orientation and inspiration while they are with us, and supporting them upon re-entry and beyond are all part of what we do. Confidence and global-mindedness are the natural result.

SACI offers a *Pre-departure, Orientation and Re-entry Support* guide (available on SACI's website: [www.saci-florence.edu](http://www.saci-florence.edu)) to outline the cultural and professional support for students.

## APPLICATION INFO

The following is a list of requirements for a complete application:

- The completed **online application** form found at [www.saci-florence.edu](http://www.saci-florence.edu) and a \$70 US non-refundable application fee. Applicants may pay with Mastercard, Visa, or Discover credit cards. If you prefer to pay by check or money order, you are requested to contact SACI's Admissions Office before submitting your application.
- High school graduates who are not already attending post-secondary institutions must submit sealed **official transcripts** from their high school.
- A **one-page essay** describing your artistic and/or academic goals and influences and your reasons for wishing to enhance them by studying abroad at SACI.



- One **letter of recommendation**, preferably from a recent instructor. A form for the recommendation letter can be downloaded from the *How to Apply: Gap Year* section on SACI's website: [www.saci-florence.edu](http://www.saci-florence.edu)
- Students are automatically eligible for courses at the intermediate or advanced level or with pre-requisites when their home school's transcript lists the previous courses required. When the pre-requisites have not been met, a portfolio of at least 6 artworks is essential so the appropriate Area Head can determine if you are eligible for the class. SACI's Admissions Office will provide instructions on how to submit these online.

See the *Admissions* section of the SACI website to find out more about how to apply, application deadlines, scholarship information, dates and fees, etc.

## ELIGIBILITY

Students must be 18 prior to the start date of the term in which they intend to enroll.

Applicants must be high school graduates with a minimum B average from their high school and a minimum GPA of 2.75 for any university-level courses.



### SACI IS

A United States non-profit 501(c)(3) educational entity incorporated in 1976

A directly accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

Affiliated with Bowling Green State University (BGSU) in Ohio, which is accredited by NASAD and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

Recognized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian Ministry of Universities as a foreign non-profit university-level program

*Students who would like to receive a copy of SACI's accreditation, licensure, and/or approval should send a signed request for such material to SACI's Dean.*

### ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of Studio Arts College International (SACI) and Bowling Green State University (BGSU) that no person shall be subject to discrimination in whatever relationship with SACI or BGSU because of disability, age, race, religion, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, or national origin.

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