



# STUDY ABROAD

## NCSAC SEMESTER IN FLORENCE SPRING 2024 BUDGET SHEET AND EXPLANATION OF FEES

AIFS Program Fees	With AIFS accommodations in student apartments	Without AIFS accommodations (if arranging your own accommodations)
<b>Program Fee (paid to AIFS)</b>	\$8,145	\$TBD
<b>Optional components</b>		
<b>Airfare package</b> Roundtrip flights between San Francisco (SFO) and Florence (FLR) in economy class. - Roundtrip transfers in Florence between the airport and the student housing. - AIFS staff meet-and-greet at the airport to assist on arrival and escort students to their housing.		<b>\$1,290</b> <b>(subject to change until ticketed)</b>
<b>Meal Plan</b> 30 vouchers for use at local restaurants in Florence. The vouchers can be used for lunch or dinner at selected restaurants. They have no cash value and must be exchanged for the set menu.		<b>\$550</b>
<b>Single Supplement</b> Students can request a single occupancy room where available. This is offered on a first-come first-served basis and applies to the main student housing option only. Additional fees would apply if students wished to upgrade to single occupancy on overnight excursions. <i>Please note single occupancy rooms are not guaranteed.</i>		<b>\$895</b>
<b>Enhanced medical</b> Optional Extra Protection Insurance Coverage, including increased medical insurance as outlined in the AIFS insurance brochure.		<b>\$65</b>

### Additional Out-of-Pocket Expenses (not included in program fee)

In addition to the program fees outlined above, you will need to budget for some out-of-pocket expenses. Below are additional estimated expenses. Actual expenses will vary depending on your lifestyle and spending habits.

Estimated Expenses	Amount
<b>International airfare</b>	Between \$800 and \$1,300
<b>Personal expenses and meals</b> (AIFS recommends \$700 - \$1,000 per month)	Around \$2,100 - \$3,000



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<b>California Community College Tuition</b> (Paid directly to the NCSAC community college(s) in which you enroll – CCCCD, Los Rios, SMCCCD, SRJC). If you normally receive financial aid, such as CCPG, to cover your tuition, you may receive financial aid to cover your tuition at the other NCSAC community colleges.	[\$46 per unit] 12 units = \$552  Students may qualify for free tuition. Between \$0 - \$552.
<b>Total Estimated Out-of-Pocket Expenses</b>	<b>Between \$2,900 - \$4,852</b>

## Explanation of AIFS Program Fees

### What is Included in the AIFS Program Fee?

- **Orientation accommodation:** all students will be housed in a central hotel for the first night where staff will be on duty to answer any questions and to help with the transition to Florence. The following day, after orientation, students will be transferred by taxi to their apartments.
- **Accommodation:** apartments with cooking facilities in the Historical Center of Florence within 30-minutes walking radius of the Study Center. Students will be in twin rooms with typically four to six NCSAC students sharing a two or three-bedroom apartment. A change of linen and wireless Internet will be provided. Adequate utilities will be provided up to a normal consumption for the duration of the program. Students will be expected to pay for anything above this amount directly to the Florence office before leaving the program.
- **Meals:** self-catering facilities at student accommodation and a welcome reception. Meal vouchers are available for an additional fee (see optional components).
- **Orientation program** in Florence consisting of a meeting with experienced AIFS staff, covering topics such as general acclimation to Florence, safety and security issues, cultural differences, travel, money, and cultural activities. Local area walking tour covering housing and classroom location and local amenities. A walking-tour of Florence with the services of a professional English-speaking guide. Workshops with local staff about life in Florence and the differences the students will encounter.
- **Support:** Team of experienced Student Services staff to ensure the smooth running of the program, providing information and advice to students, organizing excursions and supervising housing. 24-hour on-call service in Florence for the duration of the program. Access to the student computer lab located in the AIFS Student Center with free internet access and printing facilities. Official police registration fees and local insurances.
- **Cultural Activities and Excursions:** A weekly program of subsidized cultural activities including activities such as walking tours, cooking classes, wine lectures or olive oil tasting, soccer matches, day trips to Pisa or other nearby locations, concerts and film nights. A full-day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano. Transport by private bus, the services of a professional, English-speaking guide in Siena and an AIFS staff escort throughout. A full-day excursion to the Chianti wine region by private bus, with a visit to a winery and a typical Tuscan lunch. Italian Life and Culture course taught by local faculty.
- An optional "survival Italian" course for two hours each week with local instructors.
- **24/7 AIFS emergency service** with both the local number to reach on-site staff and toll-free number in the U.S.
- Student **medical insurance policies**, as outlined in the AIFS insurance brochure. Police registration fees.