The Fashion School at Kent State University invites you to participate in its Kent State University Florence Fashion Program!

The Kent State University Florence Fashion Program provides junior-level fashion design and merchandising students the opportunity to study abroad for a full semester or summer while completing required coursework. Classes are held in the beautiful Palazzo Vettori, located in the historic center of Florence. Courses are taught by Florence-based faculty; the full-time multilingual Kent State Florence staff is experienced and well-versed in supporting student needs. Depending on the semester you travel, the program includes field trips to either European or Italian fashion and textile industry-specific sites.
WHY STUDY IN FLORENCE?

- Have experiences that will change your life — your own personal renaissance in the city called the Cradle of the Renaissance.
- Exciting fashion opportunities. Florence is regarded by some as the birthplace of the modern fashion industry in Italy.
- An integration of course content inside and outside the classroom. Live what you are learning.
- Art and culture are literally right outside your door.
- Florence boasts one of the richest multicultural communities.
- Florence has a great geographic location, making it easy to visit major Italian and European cities.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Complete and submit the International/Study Away Pre-Approval Application Form (Open Sept. 15 - Oct. 15). Students participating in a fall or spring semester program should register for FDM 35900 Florence Fashion Study Orientation (1 credit), one semester prior to the participating semester of the Florence program. Content covers details of the program, including procedures for obtaining required documents, living and studying abroad, the city of Florence, study tour cities, personal travel and everything you need to know to make this the experience of a lifetime! For additional application information and instructions, visit http://www.kent.edu/Florence.

COURSE OFFERINGS

During the fall and spring semester, all students are required to enroll in at least 12 credit hours. In addition to these hours, fashion design and fashion merchandising majors are required to complete ITAL 15204 Basic Conversational Italian (2 credits). Other required courses while enrolled at Kent State Florence, during the fall and spring semesters, are FDM 35901 Italian Fashion and Culture (3 credits) and FDM 45592 Field Experience Europe (3 credits).

Additional courses offered during the fall and spring semesters may include FDM 30171 Florence Fashion Design Studio I (6 credits), FDM 30172 Florence Fashion Design Studio II (6 credits), FDM 30260 Product Development (3 credits) and FDM 30262 Fashion Merchandising Planning and Buying (3 credits).

All fashion courses offered are subject to enrollment, and prerequisites are strictly enforced. Other courses offered by the general Kent State Florence semester program are available to you, if they fit your schedule. During the summer, students are required to enroll in FDM 35901 Italian Fashion and Culture (3 credits) and FDM 45592 Field Experience Europe (3 credits).

PROGRAM COSTS AND FEES

The overall cost of this experience includes tuition, a program fee, housing arrangements and study tours. The actual cost is posted a few months prior to departure to Florence. Students also pay a $60 Office of Global Education Administrative Fee and an HTH insurance fee that is required for all Kent State-sponsored study-away programs. Costs do NOT include food, text books, travel to group flight departure points and other incidentals. For more specific information about program costs, please visit http://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/program-costs. Program fee deposit ($1,500) is due March 1 for the fall semester and July 1 for the spring semester. For the summer session, program fee deposit ($500) is due Feb. 1.

MAKING PAYMENTS

After submitting the Commitment Contract and being accepted into the program, you will receive an email confirmation containing program fee payment instructions and a link to the Kent State Bursar’s website. The nonrefundable, nontransferable program fee can only be paid online.

HOUSING

Student housing for the Florence Program is included in your fees. All of the student apartments are located in Florence’s historic city center. For more information on housing arrangements for the Florence Program, please visit http://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/program-information-o.

GUEST STUDENTS

Students from other colleges and universities are welcome to apply, but must be enrolled at Kent State University as a guest student. Guest students should consult their academic advisor from their home institution to determine how this experience will count toward their degree. For instructions on how to apply and register as a guest student, please visit Kent State University’s Admissions and Financial Aid webpage at http://www.kent.edu/admissions. Guest students may request a transcript to send to their home school via the Kent State University Registrar by visiting www.kent.edu/registrar.

USEFUL LINKS

Kent State University: www.kent.edu
The Fashion School: http://www.kent.edu/fashion
The Fashion School Study-Away Experiences: http://www.kent.edu/fashion/study-away
Kent State University Bursar: www.kent.edu/bursar

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“The study tours were absolutely beneficial to our learning experience. I am so grateful to be given this opportunity to study in Europe.”

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