Program Refund Policy

All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing via fax or certified mail to: Registrar, Customized, Faculty-Led Programs, AIFS Study Abroad, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905. The fax number is 203-399-5597. Postmark date or date of fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal. All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.

If a student withdraws on or before Friday, March 9, 2018, a full refund will be made less $150 plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student’s behalf.

If a student withdraws after Friday, March 9, 2018, but on or before Friday, April 6, 2018, for any reason except medical covered by the AIFS Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, the $450 deposit is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student’s behalf.

If a student is forced to withdraw from the program because of covered medical reasons after final fees have been paid, but before departure, a refund will be made through the Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, less the $150 processing fee and the $125 insurance premium. The policy requires written proof of medical reasons provided by your physician.

Students withdrawing voluntarily for any reason after Friday, April 6, 2018, including withdrawals because of medical reasons not covered under the medical refund policy, receive no refund of fees paid unless they are able to provide a qualified replacement. In this case, they receive a full refund of all payments made less the $150 processing fee and any non-refundable deposits. Replacement students must pay in full at the time of application. Flights cannot be arranged for replacement students applying after Friday, March 9, 2018. Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Italy requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

Medical Insurance

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by Ace American Insurance Company. The policy provides two distinct types of coverage:

1. Before the program begins, AIFS will refund fees paid by students unable to participate in the program because of covered injury, illness or quarantine in a travel area. However, a fee is retained from the amount paid which includes a $150 processing fee and $125 insurance premium.

2. Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of $100,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge limit of $300. There is a $50 deductible per incident for medical claims against this policy.

These two categories of insurance are mutually exclusive. That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance also covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss. Full details of the coverage are available at www.aifspartnerships.com/insurance_summer.pdf.

Optional medical insurance upgrade and personal effects insurance

A medical insurance upgrade provides a maximum $250,000 per sickness or accident with a daily hospital charge of $300 ($50 deductible for each accident or illness). Optional personal effects insurance covers loss or theft up to $1,000, subject to a maximum $100 per item ($500 for electronic devices) and a deductible of $100 per incident. Students are advised to arrange additional insurance for special items. Expensive or irreplaceable items should be left at home.
Program Dates
Depart U.S.: Saturday, June 2, 2018
Arrive Florence, Italy: Sunday, June 3, 2018
Depart Palermo, Italy: Saturday, July 14, 2018

Italy
Study in Italy this summer, an educational experience of a lifetime. Experience the renaissance in a world center for art, architecture and philosophy. During our time together we will live in Florence, Rome and Sicily and together we will explore religion, immigration, human rights, sex and gender, politics, nationalism through sports, history, art and culture. The houses of worship from 3 major religions in Italy including cathedrals, synagogues and mosques will be our classroom, the Tuscan countryside and vineyards our playground, and the exquisite beaches our leisure. We will have wine tasting and a cooking class in studying Italian cuisine, ride bikes through Tuscany in studying sports and recreation, and hike the ancient trails of Cinque Terre and so much more. We will become global citizens living in Italy not mere students touring Rome. To do this, we will volunteer at refugee welcome centers in Florence, Rome, Naples and Sicily and hear firsthand from people fleeing war, persecution, and poverty their struggle to make a new life in Italy. Students will also have opportunities to explore Italy and other parts of Europe during their free time.

Program Highlights
- Earn 6 units of CSUF course credit.
- Program courses taught by a CSUF faculty member.
- Learn about how sports and politics intertwine in Italy and explore the complexities of the Syrian refugee crisis in Europe.
- Includes explorations of the Vatican, the ancient ruins in Pompeii, and distinct regionality of Sicily or Tuscany. Included will be walking tours of Florence as well as Roman architecture and art.
- Experience the richness of Italian culture through its food and wine.
- Service-learning opportunities with local organizations

Housing
- Florence and Rome: Students will be housed in self-catered apartments in a central location. Typically, two students share each bedroom, and there are 2-3 bedrooms per apartment. Students share a kitchen and living space in each apartment. Bed linens and wireless internet are included.
- Palermo: Accommodation in twin rooms with shared bathroom in convent depending on itinerary. Typically, two students share each bedroom, and there are 2-3 bedrooms per apartment. Students share a kitchen and living space in each apartment. Bed linens and wireless internet are included.

Faculty
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Program Fee
The fee per person is $4,045
Included in the Program Fee:
- Housing for the duration of the program
- Some group dinners and lunches
- All non-optional excursions and entrance fees for academic trips and tours
- Round-trip ground transportation
- International Travel Insurance

NOT included in the Program Fee:
- CSUF tuition and textbooks
- Round-trip airfare
- $125 refundable damage deposit
- Optional insurance upgrades
- Passport or visa fees if applicable
- Daily meals
- Personal expenses
- Additional field trips or excursions required by the CSUF faculty

Optional Accommodations
Venice Excursion - $495
Optional three-day, two-night excursion to Venice from Florence to include: round-trip transportation by train or private bus, accommodation in twin rooms in a tourist class hotel with breakfast, a city walking tour and a 48 hrs vaporetto pass.

Meal Plan - $510
Optional package of 10 meal vouchers for use at lunch and dinner in selected local eateries in Florence.

Group Flight - $1200 - $1400 (final price TBD)
On a space-available basis, students may purchase the optional transportation package consisting of round-trip airfare - Los Angeles to Florence, Rome to Palermo, Palermo to Los Angeles and transfers overseas between the airport and the housing.

Program Courses
HUM 350: Italian Life and Culture
(3 units) [GE – C.3 & D.2] This course will explore the Italy’s history, Florence’s Renaissance, Italy’s politics both historical and contemporary, gender, sexuality, family and society. Unlike the United States Italy has a deep history dating back thousands of years.

POSC 375: Human Rights: Immigration, Religion and Nationality
(3 units) [GE – D.5] This course will cover the sociological, legal, historical and political issues of race, immigration, religion and sports. In this class, we will explore the political and social climate of immigration, the political use of and societal value of sports, and the politics of religion.

Program Advising
For more information please contact Jaycee Cover at jcover@fullerton.edu to schedule an advising appointment or stop by the Student Success Center in room H-112, 8am-5pm M-F.

Apply Now!
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Application Deadline March 2nd, 2018

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