CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE INTO
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY’S DISCOVERY FLORENCE

Once you have matriculated, SU Abroad will send you a comprehensive Discovery Florence packet with information to help you prepare for your semester abroad. In the meantime, please read through this collection of answers to frequently asked questions.

What will Discovery Florence cost?
Whether you study abroad or study in Syracuse, your tuition costs will be the same. Any additional costs for Discovery Florence will be offset by a grant which covers 100% of the estimated additional costs of the program. See page 3 for details.

What are the Advance Tuition Payment and the Advance Housing Payment?
The Advance Tuition Payment ($500) secures your place at Syracuse University and in the Discovery Florence program for fall 2015. The Advance Housing Payment ($450) holds your place in University housing for spring 2016, when you arrive on Main Campus.

Both deposits and your online Admission Acceptance Form (AAF) should be submitted to Syracuse University no later than February 15 for early decision students and May 1 for regular decision students. For specific details on the AAF, please refer to the electronic version of your acceptance letter or your admit packet from the Office of Admissions.

How many students participate in Discovery Florence?
Discovery Florence is just one of many programs available at the SU Florence Center. Nearly 250 students attend SU Florence each fall, including approximately 30 Discovery Florence students. This means you’ll connect with other first-year students, while also meeting and making connections with upperclassmen from Syracuse University and other universities across the United States.

Do I come to Syracuse before leaving for Florence?
No. Rather than attend orientation in Syracuse, you will go straight to Florence for a weeklong orientation alongside other Discovery students. Group flights arranged by Syracuse University are available for your travel to Florence, so you will get to know your classmates before you arrive in Italy.

In January, you’ll come to Syracuse the weekend before the start of spring classes to participate in SU’s Winter Welcome, which will help orient you to Main Campus.
What is the SU Florence Center like?
The SU Florence Center, also known as the Villa Rossa, is a beautiful Tuscan villa located in the Piazza Savonarola, about a 15-minute walk from the Florence city center. The Villa Rossa houses classrooms, faculty and staff offices, a computer lab, and caffe bar. You will spend the majority of your time during the day at the SU Center, attending classes and connecting with the other students attending SU Florence. Visit suflorence.syr.edu to learn more about the campus.

Where will I live in Florence?
SU Florence students live with Italian host families. You’ll most likely be placed in a homestay with another Discovery Florence student and will be able to walk from your home to the Villa Rossa. Our host families have extensive experience hosting and are familiar with the typical needs of American students. The hosts work closely with SU Florence staff to keep them apprised of the students’ well-being.

Will I stay with my host family the entire semester?
With the exception of all-school or independent travel, and the fall break period (students usually travel during this time), you will stay with your host family the entire semester.

What courses will I be taking?
You will be enrolled in a set of courses that will fulfill your College of Arts and Sciences first-year requirements. In the past, a typical schedule has included a First Year Forum, a writing course, and an Italian language course. Course information for fall 2015 will be included in your Discovery Florence packet.

What documents are required to study in Italy?
You’ll need a current passport and an Italian student visa:

PASSPORT
If you do not have a passport, or your passport expires before April 1, 2016, you need to get a new one as quickly as possible. We strongly advise using the expedited service so that you receive your passport in time to participate in SU Abroad’s group submission of visa applications to the Italian Consulate (see below for details). For information on U.S. passports, visit travel.state.gov/passport/.

STUDENT VISA
SU Abroad recommends that you get your visa by participating in our group submission of visa applications to the Italian Consulate. Essentially, SU Abroad acts as a liaison between students and the Italian Consulate and submits your visa application on your behalf. To participate in the group submission, you will need to send your passport and visa application materials to SU Abroad by the visa deadline of May 15, 2015.

Comprehensive instructions on preparing your visa application materials available at suabroad.syr.edu/acceptedstudents/passports-and-visas/florencevisa.html and will be sent electronically to all students who matriculate into the Discovery Florence program. Even if you have not yet accepted your offer of admission into Discovery Florence, we strongly advise that you review the list of required visa documents as soon as possible.
Where can I learn more about SU Florence?
You’ll receive more information soon about options for visiting campus for an Admitted Student Reception and webinars and virtual events with Admissions and SU Abroad staff, as well as Discovery Florence alumni. In the meantime, learn more about SU Florence and Discovery by:

- Visiting suflorence.syr.edu
- Contacting your Discovery Florence advisor, Briana Rinaldo, at bmrinald@syr.edu.

Florence, here I come! What is my first step?
To confirm your participation in the Discovery Florence program, please submit the online AAF and advanced payments by February 15 for early decision students and May 1 for regular decision students. Please refer to your acceptance e-mail from the SU Office of Admissions for instructions. Once you matriculate into the program, you can look forward to receiving your Discovery Florence Acceptance Packet. You will also receive information on group flights to Florence and instructions on obtaining your Italian student visa.

Planning Budget 2015-2016
Below is an estimated budget for Discovery Florence, including a $5,670 grant. For easy reference, the Discovery Florence budget is compared to an estimated main campus budget.

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Other billable charges:
Mandatory Course Fees $350 (estimated 12/05/2014)

Program fee includes:
- Housing in private home
- Post acceptance/pre-departure materials and advising
- All-school orientation, cultural activities, general field trips
- Signature Seminar including accommodations with breakfast and some group meals
- 12 meals (breakfast and dinner) weekly with host family
- International Student ID Card and a one month transportation allowance
- Services not covered by tuition and for which a separate fee is not charged

**The Discovery Florence grant is provided to all students to cover 100% of the estimated additional cost of going abroad.

Charges for tuition, program fee, course fees and Signature Seminar are fixed and billed through the Syracuse University bursar system. Other expenses are estimated based on current information and are subject to change due to inflation and fluctuating exchange rates.

Other financial aid may be available. Visit financialaid.syr.edu for more information.