

Application process for the Florence Program

The application forms are available online starting from the first day of classes of the semester prior to the one students intend to apply.

Students have to submit the online form and pay a \$750 fee at the Business Office. Another \$1,250 payment is due after students are accepted.

The capacity of the program is currently limited to 50 students. Selection criteria include: seniority, major (some majors require study abroad, others have limited flexibility on when the students can go abroad), academic concerns, financial concerns, student life concerns. Programs of Distinction participants (Presidential, Honors, Gregorian) have some priority in the fall semester. As long as students apply and pay within the deadline the timing of the application/payment is not a selection factor anymore.

Students are confirmed if they are accepted before registration for the next semester starts. Those who are not accepted get the \$750 back, unless they decide to roll it over for a subsequent semester.

Costs

This is a list of program costs that will help students estimate their budget for the semester in Florence.

- Tuition, Room and Board - Regular Benedictine College tuition for a semester. Room cost is based on an Elizabeth Hall room, and meals on a full meal plan. All scholarships apply.
- Administrative study abroad fee - Nonrefundable deposit of \$2,000 paid in two payments (\$750 when you apply, and \$1,250 after you have been accepted).
- Airfare - Cost depends on the airline and varies over time.
- Platinum iNext Card – Students pay \$90 for the Travel Medical Insurance coverage. The \$90 will be charged to the student account. The card is valid for a year. Visit [here](#) for more information
- Books - for the class taught by the BC faculty, if required. (You don't need to buy books for the other classes).
- Laundry - Washing: € 3.5 per load. Drying: €2.5 per load.
- Telephone - Consider buying prepaid international calling cards or renting/buying a local cell phone.
- Two meals on weekends - Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch are not covered by the meal plan at Villa Morghen.
- Local transportation - when not on site visit with class. Cost of local transportation in Florence is € 1.2 for a 90 minute ticket. Monthly bus passes in Florence cost € 35.
- Personal expenses - The total amount of money for personal expenses largely depends on the lifestyle you choose. In particular, consider if you are planning to:
 - Travel before or after the program, as well as during weekends (trips to Italian cities by train are relatively inexpensive, trips to European destinations are more expensive, however, you can find excellent opportunities by flying with low-cost airlines like Ryanair)
 - Buy souvenirs for family and friends (including wine, food, clothes, etc.)
 - Spend on meals and entertainment during weekends.

Students in previous semesters have indicated that their total personal budget was in a range between \$1,500 to \$4,000.