

STUDY  
IN  
SICILY

Syracuse  
Academy





# SUMMER 2024 PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. CITY CAMPUS
2. ACADEMIC TRACKS
3. STUDENT LIFE IN SICILY



# Syracuse: **City Campus**

With two state-of-the-art Study Centers and longstanding partnerships with local universities, the Italian Academy serves as a gateway for international students to unlock the wide array of academic resources and opportunities available in Italy.

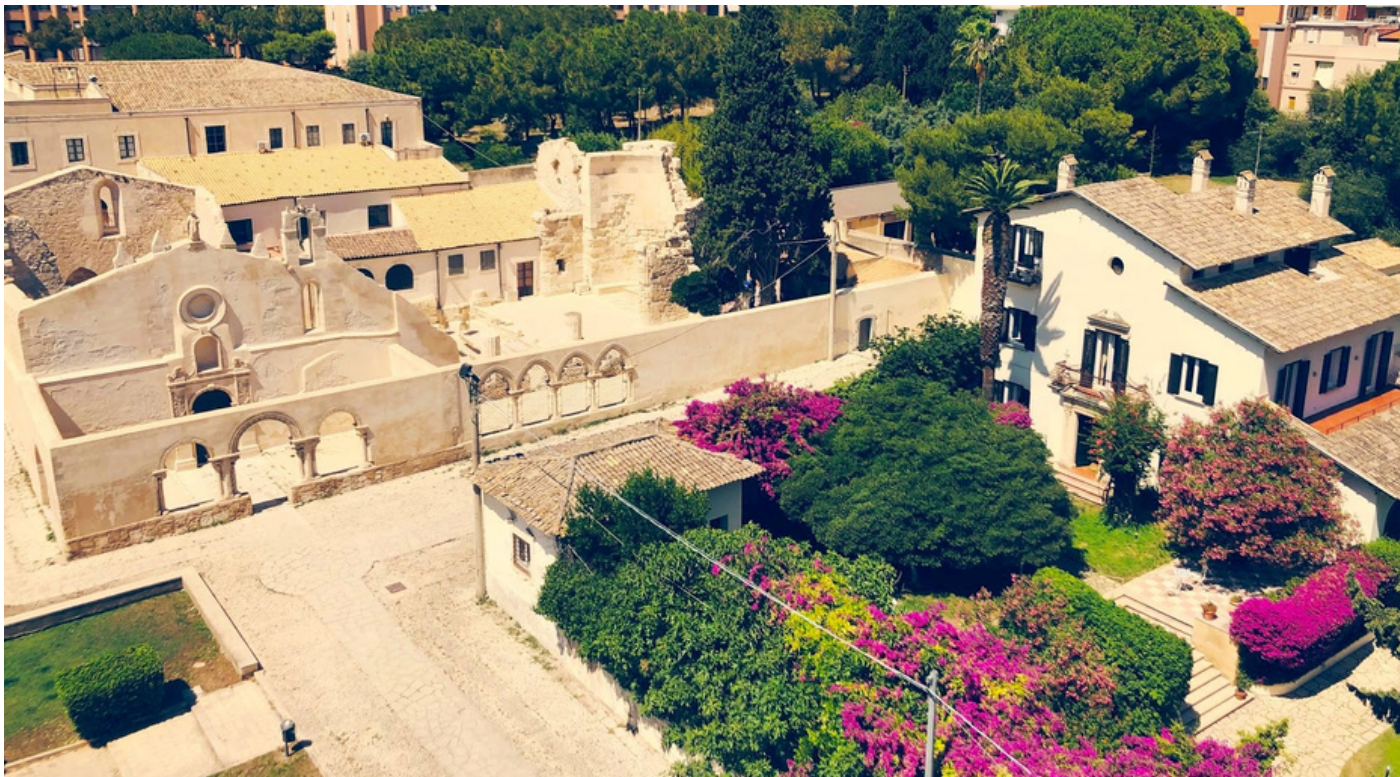


## Neapolis Study Center

The Neapolis Study Center is adjacent to St. John's Church and the Archaeological Museum, while the Greek Theater and the island of Ortygia are at a short walking distance.

The historic villa boasts two acres of lush botanical garden filled with citrus trees, Mediterranean flora and century-old plants.

*A peaceful oasis  
by the sea in the  
heart of the  
archaeological  
area of Syracuse*



## Ortigia Study Center

Located on the island of Ortigia, in the 14th-century Palazzo Beneventano del Bosco, set in the most charming square in the city, Piazza Duomo. The late-baroque style palazzo faces the Municipio (Town Hall) and the Duomo (Cathedral), both of which were erected on the ruins of two Greek temples. The Piazza Duomo square sits on the site of the ancient Greek city's acropolis, bearing witness to which is the majestic doric colonnade on the northern side of the cathedral.



The Ortigia Study Center  
at Palazzo Beneventano





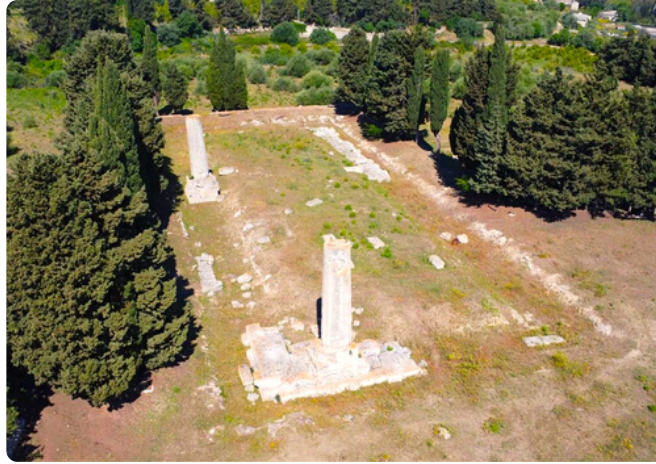
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## SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

*Students investigate the intersection between social movements involved in both the preservation of traditional food systems and sustainable practices to reduce/reverse environmental impacts.*



## PROGRAM TRACKS

### CULTURAL HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY

*Students participate in an archaeological dig at a Greek temple as an integral part of the academic experience. Exploring culture and identity in the cradle of Western civilization. Home to the Greeks, the Romans, the Normans, the Arabs, the Spanish, and then finally the Italians, Sicilian culture is a mosaic.*



### ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

*Students engage in field studies of the rich coastal, marine and volcanic ecosystems of Sicily. As Sicily has been a central crossroads of human activity for thousands of years, it offers a prime perspective on all the problems and challenges of accommodating the co-existence of humans and the natural environment.*



# SUMMER SCHOOL TRACK LIST

## SUSTAINABILITY FIELD SCHOOL



### SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

- *Mediterranean Food Systems: Identity, Innovation & Human Rights*
- *Capstone Project: Food Sustainability in Action*



### ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY

- *Marine Ecology and Biodiversity in the Mediterranean*
- *Capstone Project: Food Sustainability in Action*



### CULTURAL HERITAGE & IDENTITY

- *Archaeology Field School at the Temple of Zeus*
- *Environmental Humanities: Storytelling, Art and Ethics*



## ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL



*Archaeology Field School at the Temple of Zeus*

## LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



*Italian Language and Culture  
(all levels)*



# SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS



**SESSION I**

**SESSION II**

**SESSION III**

**ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**

12th Apr 2024

12th Apr 2024

12th Apr 2024

**PROGRAM START**

29th June 2024

13th July 2024

29th Jun 2024

**PROGRAM END**

13th July 2024

27th July 2024

27th July 2024

**PROGRAM FEES**

STARTING FROM **€1.690**





# SUSTAINABILITY FIELD SCHOOL



## **ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY ACADEMIC TRACK**



### **Marine Ecology and Biodiversity in the Mediterranean (ES251)**

Summer sessions: I, III  
ECTS Credits: 3  
Contact hours: 45

This course explores the **Mediterranean Sea**, one of the world's **most complex marine ecosystems**. It delves into the diverse plant and animal life, past geological changes, and the unique climate and water conditions of the region.

#### ***Program Highlights & Experiential Learning:***

- Whale and Dolphin monitoring activities on Sailing boat with MareCamp NGO
- Marine turtle nest monitoring activities with WWF Sicily experts
- Snorkeling trip at Marine Protected Area and visit to Plemmirio MPA laboratories





# SUSTAINABILITY FIELD SCHOOL



## **ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY ACADEMIC TRACK**



### **Capstone Project: Environmental Sustainability in Action (ES252M)**

Summer sessions: II, III  
ECTS Credits: 3  
Contact hours: 60



This capstone project with **WWF South-Eastern Sicily** immerses students in marine turtle conservation. They'll work with experts on nesting site monitoring, data analysis, community education, and awareness.

### **Program Highlights & Project Activities**

- Direct involvement in the monitoring of marine turtle nesting sites, gaining hands-on experience and understanding of conservation realities and efforts.
- Engaging in data collection, analysis, and interpretation to gauge the effectiveness of conservation strategies and identify areas for improvement.
- Collaborate in creating and implementing community education and awareness initiatives to foster local participation and support for marine turtle conservation.
- Work in teams to conceptualize, develop, and propose innovative strategies and solutions for enhancing marine turtle safeguarding and monitoring efforts.



# SUSTAINABILITY FIELD SCHOOL



## **SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS ACADEMIC TRACK**



### ***Mediterranean Food Systems: Identity, Innovation & Human Rights (SFS250)***

*Summer sessions: I, III*

*ECTS Credits: 3*

*Contact hours: 45*



This course will focus on **Food and Culture**, and particularly on how consumer choices related to one's diet have wide-reaching effects, beyond the individual's health, on a local and global scale.

This course will provide students with the chance of exploring the regional **culinary identity of Sicily** by visiting agribusinesses, meeting with food quality activists and local entrepreneurs to share a meal and discuss lifestyle and values.

### ***Program Highlights & Experiential Learning:***

- Field trip to local sustainable agribusiness and traditional street market
- Traditional Sicilian Cooking class
- Visit to Libera Terra, NGO operating organic citrus farms on mafia-confiscated lands on the foothills of Mt. Etna



# SUSTAINABILITY FIELD SCHOOL



## **SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS ACADEMIC TRACK**



### **Capstone Project: Food Sustainability in Action**

*(ES252F)*

*Summer sessions: II, III*

*ECTS Credits: 3*

*Contact hours: 60*



Students engage in independent and small group project-based learning activities with mentoring and support from local faculty and community project partners working collaboratively on a project brief based on addressing **Critical Global Issues** and the needs of the **local NGOs**.

### ***Program Highlights & Project Activities***

Through various initiatives, Libera Terra facilitates learning and involvement in sustainable agriculture, cultivating seeds of knowledge and resilience against organized crime. By converting mafia-confiscated lands into productive organic farms, Libera Terra stimulates local economies, generating employment opportunities, and promoting responsible consumption and production.



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## **CULTURAL HERITAGE & IDENTITY ACADEMIC TRACK**



### ***Environmental Humanities: Storytelling, Art and Ethics***

*(ES200)*

*Summer sessions: II, III*

*ECTS Credits: 3*

*Contact hours: 60*



This study abroad course in Sicily explores **environmental humanities**, combining **art, history, and conservation ethics**. Students engage with diverse landscapes and cultural heritage, learning from historic sites and local experts.

The program emphasizes **hands-on projects** and sustainable practices, highlighting the interconnectedness of culture, history, and the environment in the Mediterranean.

### ***Program Highlights & Experiential Learning:***

- Participate in hands-on digital multimedia storytelling projects that bring to life the lessons learned from Sicily's enduring struggles, tales and creative expressions.

# SUSTAINABILITY FIELD SCHOOL



## CULTURAL HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY ACADEMIC TRACK



### Archaeology Field School at the Temple of Zeus (ES252F)

Summer sessions: I, III  
ECTS Credits: 3  
Contact hours: 45



At Syracuse's Archaeology Field School, students delve into the **Temple of Zeus's** history, with exclusive access to the Archaeological Park's sites, labs, and archives. They join top archaeologists in **hands-on excavations** and **analyses**, experiencing the thrill of discovery and historical preservation.

The Greek Temple of Zeus Olympic in Syracuse, overlooking Ortigia, symbolizes **ancient Greek grandeur** and spirituality, honoring Zeus's legacy.

#### **Program Highlights & Experiential Learning:**

- Hands on excavation at the archaeological site guided by experts
- Artefact analysis activities at the Syracuse "Paolo Orsi" Archaeological Museum laboratories - Field trips to historical sites of interest and UNESCO World Heritage Sites
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# INTENSIVE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



## **INTENSIVE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ACADEMIC TRACK**



### **Italian Language and Culture**

(ITL100/150/200/250/300)

*Summer sessions: I,II*

*ECTS Credits: 3*

*Contact hours: 45*

*Summer sessions: III*

*ECTS Credits: 6*

*Contact hours: 90*



The language courses are offered at **different levels** for students who are either approaching the study of the Italian for the first time or who have already taken previous Italian courses.

Lessons are held in Italian through a **communicative approach** and take into consideration the need to combine the study of lexis and grammar with the development of communication skills and cultural awareness.

### ***Program Highlights & Experiential Learning:***

- Field trip to historical and cultural sites of interest (UNESCO World Heritage Sites) - Visit to local traditional street market
- Traditional Sicilian Cooking class
- Intercultural exchanges with local and international students





## INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

VISIT UP TO 3  
UNESCO SITES

### Summer I & II

#### **1 Day Trip**

*Mt. Etna & Taormina*

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*Valley of The Temples*

### Summer III

#### **2 Day Trips**

*Mt. Etna & Taormina*

+

*Valley of The Temples*

### Optional

#### **2-Days Trip**

*Palermo*





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## LIVING IN SICILY

### Student-sized, safe city

*Syracuse is a medium-sized, lively and dynamic city on the coast of Southeast Sicily. About 130,000 residents makes it a perfect size for international students. Syracuse has a vibrant international resident community and attracts visitors from all over the world.*

### Seaside

*Being a city on the sea comes with plenty of advantages! Syracuse has a mild climate, lots of great swim spots and plenty of beautiful views to inspire art. Students can easily maintain a healthy study/life balance and enjoy all the sea has to offer.*

### Walkable

*Syracuse is very easy to navigate by foot or by bike making it ideal for international students who may not have easy access to cars. Walk, bike, bus, train or boat! Many ways to get around without a car.*



# HOUSING

## Socialize

*Embrace vibrant university life in Siracusa! With single rooms for privacy and spacious common areas designed for interaction, our self-catering apartments are perfect for socializing. Connect, collaborate, and create lasting memories in Sicily.*

## Comfort

*Stay cozy in Siracusa! Our student apartments offer comfy private rooms with storage and study space, spacious areas to relax and a kitchen with all mod-cons. Cleaning, fast reliable Wi-fi, 24-7 emergency and maintenance service and an all-inclusive utilities contract ensure a problem-free living experience.*

## Proximity

*Prime location in Siracusa! Positioned minutes away from the main study center, our student housing offers both convenience and a vibrant community ambiance, right at the heart of the safe and lively city center and walking distance from the beach.*



# ACTIVITIES

## Social Activities & Field Trips

*Participate in weekly tandem exchange aperitifs and cooking classes with local and international students. Enjoy lively socials, explore Sicilian wonders, including Mt. Etna and Baroque UNESCO sites, through program-included excursions.*

## Volunteering

*Students can volunteer with NGOs for social or environmental causes, enhancing interpersonal and intercultural skills, and boosting their CV. Opportunities include language teaching assistant roles, and cleaning beaches and historical sites.*

## Sports

*Students may choose to dedicate free time to improve their sports skills using Siracusa's excellent facilities near the school, including swimming pools, gyms, running and cycling tracks, football fields, basketball and handball courts, and clubs for tennis, golf, and water sports like SUP, kayaking, and surfing.*



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