



Italy

Cortona Survey

Venture into the heart of Italy to explore landscapes shaped by ancient civilizations. Based in the stunning hill-town of Cortona, this field school immerses you in the world of the Etruscans and Romans in one of Italy's most archaeologically rich regions. Using cutting-edge technologies, you'll locate and map millennia-old cities, sanctuaries, and tombs hidden beneath the Tuscan countryside. Work alongside experts to uncover traces of the past while soaking up Italy's vibrant culture, striking scenery, and renowned cuisine- all in a study abroad experience that goes far beyond the surface.

Why you'll love this program



Real-World Research

Join a long-running project reconstructing the dynamic history of Valdichiana's human occupation.



Field & Lab Skills

Gain training in remote sensing, GIS mapping, photogrammetry, drone imaging, AI simulations & more.



Unforgettable Location

Live and learn in the breathtaking Tuscan countryside, exploring historic sites and charming Italian towns.



Make a Difference

Contribute to local efforts to map one of Central Italy's most archaeologically significant territories.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Italy

- 4-week immersive research program
- Earn 6 semester credits/9 quarter credits
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Shared self-catering apartment accommodations + some meals provided



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Make an IFR Field School Your Next Adventure

Our programs take you straight into the field, where archaeological sites and dynamic ecosystems become your classroom. Don't just study abroad—participate in important research, develop real skills, and make a lasting impact. With IFR, you're not only seeing the world—you're uncovering it.

Admissions at a Glance

- One-on-one guidance available
- Competitive tuition rates
- Simple online application
- Quick decision turnaround
- Rolling enrollment deadlines
- All majors & academic backgrounds welcome



The World is Our Classroom

Immersive field training programs in the U.S. and around the globe ranging from 2-6 weeks in length.



Field Research that Matters

Unique programs in archaeology, environmental science, paleontology and more.



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Transformative field experiences that develop life and professional skills you can learn no place else.

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