

SUMMER PROGRAM

Brandeis in **SIENA**

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“The program was special primarily because of where it is set, Siena. It’s an amazing small city, full of a lot of life and history. The atmosphere was great and the culture that we are being exposed to is not only different and interesting, but very rich. The program allows students to immerse themselves into Sienese life and culture and learn/experience Siena in different ways that are inspiring and full of depth. The courses we are taking are also insightful and provide a hands-on learning experience via the art and cities we visit and the artwork we create.”

– Zoila Coc-Chang ‘18,
Studio Art and Art History major



What makes Brandeis in Siena unique?

In this intensive, culturally-immersive two-course summer program, students study studio art and art history in Siena, Italy. The program offers students the opportunity to combine classroom coursework, field trips to historic cultural sites in Tuscany, and practice traditional techniques in the studio, which together give the students a holistic understanding of this unique and culturally important environment. The English-taught courses are led by Brandeis University professors as well as faculty from our academic partner, the Siena Art Institute (SART).

Field Trips and Excursions

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of enriching field trips throughout Tuscany as well as in Italian cultural events within the area. Past field trips outside of Siena have included Florence, San Gimignano, Venice, Chianti, and Assisi. The program ends just in time for one of Siena’s most exciting events: the Palio di Siena, an historic horse race in the town’s central piazza, Piazza del Campo.



Program at a Glance

Term Offered: Summer

GPA Requirement: 3.0

Academic Area of Study: Fine Arts

Brandeis and non-Brandeis students are eligible for this program. Past participants include students from Bowdoin College and Wellesley College.

Language: Study fundamentals of Italian Language and Culture (non-credit)

Partner University: Siena Art Institute (SART)

Program Dates: Mid July – Mid August

Housing: Student apartments, walking distance to classes

Application Deadline: Mid March

Program Application

Applications are reviewed on a rolling admissions basis until the closing deadline. Students are encouraged to apply early. Visit go.brandeis.edu/siena for more information on how to apply.



Courses

FA 28a Painting Siena

Students will study and practice traditional and contemporary painting techniques with excursions to visit masterworks and experience the cultural life of the medieval city.

FA 45a Early Renaissance Art in Tuscany from the Age of Dante to the Medici

Examines the development of late Medieval and Renaissance Art and Architecture between 1200 and 1500, with an emphasis on the centers of Siena and Florence, and artists who worked in these cities.

How does it count?

Students can earn credit toward their Studio Art major and minor, Art History major and minor, Italian studies major and minor, Medieval and Renaissance Studies major and minor, and the creative arts general university requirement.

“This intensive program is designed to utilize the unique cultural and artistic contributions of Siena, Italy. Nestled in the beautiful hills of Tuscany, the program is a well-balanced mix of historical study, studio practice (traditional and contemporary), and field trips to visit masterworks and experience the cultural life of the medieval city. The goal of the program is not only to study the art of the past or practice it now, but also to connect through the language of art to another culture and offer reflection.”

– Professor Joseph Wardwell
Brandeis in Siena, 2019 Faculty Director



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