

study abroad

Padova Language and Liberal Arts Program

The Padova Language and Liberal Arts Program offers a semester or academic year of language study and university coursework in the historic university town of Padova, Italy, located in the hill country 20 miles west of Venice. All courses are taught by Italian faculty from the Università degli Studi di Padova and from other Italian universities or by the resident director. The program also includes excursions in and around the Veneto region and directed individual study projects, in which students explore an area of academic interest. In addition, a limited number of community placements are available.

Upon successful completion of a semester, students earn 16 Boston University credits.

Courses

Students begin their semester in Padova with a month of intensive language study at the Boston University Center for Italian and European Studies (CIES). After completing this intensive language course, students choose three electives from the CIES offerings. These courses cover topics in Italian art, history, literature, and film. For a wider selection of courses, students with advanced Italian language skills may also choose combine CIES courses with courses taken directly at the Università degli Studi di Padova. Upon successful completion of the intensive language course, students may opt, with the advice of program staff in Padova, to select one or two Università degli Studi di Padova courses. The remaining one or two courses are chosen from CIES offerings.



Program Administration

Housing

Students live in Italian households and are given a monthly stipend toward the cost of local transportation and meals. Students in households eat breakfast and three evening meals a week with their hosts.

Admissions

- Minimum 3.0 GPA (in major and overall)
- Grades of B or better in Italian
- Open to students who have completed at least two semesters of college-level Italian language or the equivalent

Program Dates

Fall Semester: early September–mid-December

Spring Semester: mid-January–late May

Academic Year: early September–late May

Summer Term: late May–mid-July

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester/Academic Year: March 15

Spring Semester: October 15

Program Cost

2009/2010 Tuition and Fees: \$24,879 per semester

Cost includes tuition, housing, board, round-trip group airfare from a designated US city, excursions, and emergency travel assistance coverage. Financial aid is available.