



The International Italian Institute

FACT SHEET



LdM MISSION

Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM) is committed to delivering a high-quality international learning experience through which students advance along their higher-education paths, develop their creativity, realize their own potential, and empower themselves to impact the world around them. Experiential learning and an interdisciplinary approach are LdM's main tools to foster students' future professional development.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT LdM

- Founded in **1973** in Florence.
- Over **3000 students** annually from all over the world (**100+** nationalities).
- **500** different **courses** in **38 subject areas**.
- All courses **taught in English**, with the exception of Italian language courses.
- **3 LdM locations: Florence, Rome, and Tuscania.**
- **6 main academic divisions: Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Sciences, Agriculture, Creative Arts, Design, and Italian Language and Culture.**
- **More than 200** dedicated and qualified **faculty members** from Italy and all over the world.

LdM ACCREDITATION

Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici is:

- Registered and authorized in Italy by the Ministry of Education, (December 2, 1989).
- Accredited and recognized by the Tuscany Region as an educational institution (code n. FI0735, decree n. 2935, July 4, 2012).
- Approved by the US Middle States Commission on Higher Education as a branch campus of Marist College, with particular note on the quality of LdM facilities and academic environment.

The LdM campuses in Florence, Rome and Tuscania are approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. LdM is also accredited by the CSN of the Swedish government, by the Icelandic Student Loan Fund (LIN), and it has been awarded the European quality certification ISO 9001:2015 by EQA (European Quality Assurance).

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PROGRAMS AND DEGREES

ACADEMIC SEMESTER AND YEAR ABROAD PROGRAMS

LdM offers a variety of **study abroad programs** of different lengths, ranging from Semester and Year Programs to Summer Sessions. Study abroad programs are available at each LdM site (Florence, Rome and Tuscania) throughout the academic year.

LdM ACADEMIC SEMESTER AND YEAR ABROAD PROGRAMS foster awareness and understanding of not only the course topics, but also of Italian culture. Students customize their courses of study according to their academic needs and personal interests, tailoring interdisciplinary paths of study where creativity meets academic dedication.

A special study abroad **STEM program** is offered at LdM Rome, giving STEM and related majors the opportunity of taking rigorous science courses, taught in collaboration with Università Roma Tre, while benefitting from state-of-the-art teaching and research laboratories. Students can also choose to experience local and regional differences within Italy through the LdM one-semester **Three Cities Program**. This study abroad experience connects students to three diverse Italian cities, each with a distinctive identity and culture: Tuscania, Rome, and either Florence (in fall) or Venice (in spring).

LDM INTERSHIPS offer students the possibility to learn different aspects of working in Italy, a country known for its artisan and small business structure. Internships are available for US credit and in combination with academic courses only. LdM arranges **Art History** internships in the major churches and museums of Florence, as well as internships in **Communications, Event Planning, Web Marketing, Advertising, Education, Fashion Design and Merchandising, and Graphic Design**. In addition, students have the opportunity to carry out service learning (in Italian only). Placement opportunities are limited and vary on each campus.

SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS AT LdM

LdM **Summer Sessions** consist of month-long academic courses during June and July. These programs are well-suited for undergraduate students as well as for independent students seeking a meaningful educational experience. Additional summer programs include the **Florence and Southern Italy Restoration Workshops, the Archaeological Field School at LdM Tuscania,** and the **Marist-LdM Venice Biennale Program**.

The three-week **January Intersession** provides the opportunity for undergraduate students as well as independent or adult students to broaden their academic horizon and to deepen their personal experience with an intensive academic program.

STUDENT SERVICES AT LdM

Housing Service (Student shared apartments or family stay)
Special plans for meals and dining
Library and student labs

US UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT LdM FLORENCE

International students are able to earn a fully-accredited **US undergraduate Bachelor's Degree** through LdM's partnership with Marist College. The following **four-year degrees** are available: **Art History, Italian Language, Digital Media, Fashion Design, Studio Art, Interior Design, Conservation Studies, and Global Marketing Communication**. Furthermore, Marist College and Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici offer an interdisciplinary **Graduate Degree Program**: the **one-year M.A. in Museum Studies**, which grants students an in-depth exploration of how museums operate within a social and cultural contexts.

LdM CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AT LdM FLORENCE

LdM Certificate Programs integrate a strong theoretical base and practical work within structured plans of study for the pursuit of professional goals.

LdM SEMESTER CERTIFICATES give students the opportunity to gather the professional skills and the theoretical underpinnings of their field of choice in a single semester. Semester Certificates include: **Visual Communication for Fashion, Interior Design in Contemporary Living, Product Design towards Sustainability, Architecture in Urban Context, Art of Cooking: Italian Gastronomy, and Art of Cooking: Balance in Nutrition**.

LdM ONE-YEAR AND PROFESSIONAL/ADVANCED CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS are designed to develop students' creativity, artistic talent, and technical skills, and to prepare them to enter the relevant marketplace. LdM offers one- and two-year Certificates in the following disciplines: **Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing and Merchandising, Graphic Design and Visual Communication, Jewelry Design, Interior Design, Restoration and Conservation, and Fine Arts**.

LdM PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

LdM Professional opportunities program (LdM Florence) provides students with a noncredit experiential learning opportunity centered on the completion of one single project, during which students collaborate with both the LdM institute and local businesses, organizations and associations. Upon successful completion of the project, students receive a certificate of participation. Each professional opportunity has specific application requirements.

LdM organizes on-site orientation sessions, volunteer projects, student clubs, seminars and public conferences, field trips. In addition to course-related visits, LdM offers guided visits to historic sites, seasonal festivals, social and cultural activities, weekend excursion and special events.

Dedicated staff of Student Advisors
24h Emergency number
Student Clubs (LdM Florence)