



**If you are 18 years of age or over, please complete this application in its entirety and submit it before September 19, 2025, along with a non-refundable deposit of \$1500 (money order or cashier's check ONLY) payable to WCSU, and a photocopy of the main page of your passport to: Ms. Donna Warner, International Services Coordinator, Midtown Student Center, Room 207
*Grazie mille!***

I. Personal Information

Full Legal Name (as it appears on your passport):

_____ First Middle Last

WCSU ID number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Gender Neutral

Nationality *: _____ Current Citizenship*: _____

U.S. Green card number*, if applicable: _____

Permanent Address

Local Address (On-Campus)

Street: _____ Street: _____ -

City: _____ City: _____ -

State: _____ Zip: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Passport #: _____ **Country of Passport Issue:** _____

Date of Passport Expiration: _____

If you do not have a passport or if it has expired, you MUST immediately apply for new passport!

II. Academic Information

Academic Major: _____ Minor/Concentration: _____

Academic Standing: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Grad Student

Number of Credit Hours Completed to date: _____

Current G.P.A.: _____

Have you met with the faculty member(s) leading this program to discuss the academic components?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you met with your academic advisor to discuss how this course fits in your degree program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently in Good Academic Standing? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Uncertain

* This information is requested solely for the purpose of determining whether you need to obtain a visa for travel to the country/countries in which this program will take place.

III. Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AAS) as soon as possible. You may contact AAS by calling (203) 837-8225 (voice), stopping in at Haas Library 406 or via email at aas@wcsu.edu. Detailed information regarding the process to request accommodations is available on the AAS website (www.wcsu.edu/accessability). Should you be approved for an accommodation, AAS will work with your faculty member to implement.

IV. Statement of Understanding

I understand the following statements, as they pertain to my participation in the stated Course Abroad program, and understand that I will be financially responsible for the cost:

Overall Program Cost:

The program travel cost is \$3000. This includes round-trip airfare from the NY/NJ metro area, transportation to/from the US airport, lodging in Florence at Sanctuary Firenze, (double room), emergency health insurance.

- A non-refundable \$1500 deposit is due with this application. It MUST be submitted with this application - money order or cashier's check only - payable to WCSU. It must be submitted to: Ms. Donna Warner, International Services Coordinator, Midtown Student Center, Room 207.
- A \$1500 payment is due by October 15, 2025. Bring directly to the Cashier's office, 1st floor, Old Main.

Please notify Dr. Galina Bakhtiarova at bakhtiarovag@wcsu.edu no later than September 19 if you choose to make your own transportation arrangements. Your travel fee will be reduced by the amount that WCSU will pay for airfare.

The program cost does NOT include:

- WCSU tuition and fees (4, 3 or 1 credits)
- Visa, if required / Passport (required)
- Recommended trip cancellation insurance (available through an insurance company)
- Personal expenses / incidental items and meals
- Local transportation

Note: In the event that WCSU is charged additional direct costs by 3rd party providers, WCSU will charge participants for these direct costs. For example, on occasion, the airline will charge a gas surcharge. This direct cost would be added to your program travel cost. It is rare that this happens, but there is a possibility.

Cancellation Policy and Fees:

The deposit of \$1500 is non-refundable. In order to cancel travel arrangements without losing the travel cost, written notice of the withdrawal must be received by Ms. Donna Warner, prior to close of business (5 pm) on **September 19, 2025**. If cancelling after this date, you will be charged for any direct costs incurred by WCSU on your behalf, as well as a \$200 cancellation penalty. Because cancellation fees can be as high as the full cost of the travel program, purchasing independent trip cancellation insurance/interruption insurance from an insurance company is highly recommended. If WCSU cancels the program for any reason, all monies will be refunded. Withdrawal/cancellation of the course(s) should be addressed with Dr. Galina Bakhtiarova. (Registration drop fees may also be charged, depending when you cancel/drop.)

Applicant's Name: _____

All levels of Italian are welcome. Please contact Professor Patrizia Farina farinap@wcsu.edu and Dr. Galina Bakhtiarova in World Languages and Composition, 203-837-8734, bakhtiarg@wcsu.edu to discuss your options before applying for this course.

Approved by Professor Farina:

Signature

Date

I certify that the information submitted on this application form is correct. I understand that additional forms will be required after I am accepted into the program and have paid my deposit. I agree to complete forms as required and pay by the required deadlines or risk losing a place in this program. I also understand that program information is subject to change.

Student Signature

Date

Western Connecticut State University is committed to a policy of non-discrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status, or disability. This policy is applicable to all employment practices, admission of students, programs, and services to students, faculty, staff, and the community. WCSU's affirmative action policy seeks to include persons of color, women, veterans and persons with disabilities in its educational programs and in all job groups of its workforce. The university's Office of Multicultural Affairs.