



Kent State University
Florence

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Kent State University,
Florence (Italy)

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Great Destination for CAAD,
CAS and SBA Majors



Kent State University Florence:

Kent State University has been educating students in Florence for more than forty years. From architecture to fashion to hospitality management, Kent State Florence is a comprehensive academic and cultural program. In addition to completing a full course load, students have many opportunities to get acquainted with Florence and Italy more generally during their time studying abroad.

Home to the program is the Palazzo dei Cerchi, a renovated 13th century palace in the very heart of the city, with the remarkable combination of medieval frescos and wireless internet. The campus also includes Palazzo Bartolini Baldelli, on the corner of Via dei Benci and Piazza Santa Croce, where a classroom balcony overlooks the historic Basilica of Santa Croce, burial site of Galileo and Michelangelo. For more information please visit <https://www.kent.edu/Florence>.

Location:

Florence, Italy.

Requirements/Eligibility:

1. Sophomores encouraged to apply; must have at least 60 credits by program start date
2. Must not be in graduating semester (last semester).
3. Must have at least a cumulative GPA 2.5 or above.

Length of Stay:

One or two semesters.

Program Fees and Costs:

Exchange students pay AUS tuition fees for the full course load (12-16 credits) in addition to Student Activities fees. Any additional costs including housing, lab fees, meal plans, books and insurance will be paid directly to the host university.

Housing/Accommodation:

Students are required to live on Campus. KS offers housing accommodation on campus (gender-inclusive housing is available) for students who apply and pay required fees before the deadline. To view housing options visit the website: <https://www.kent.edu/housing/residence-halls>

Visa:

Students must apply to the Italian Embassy/Consulate to obtain a visa. They must make an appointment and follow up with the required documentation, such as the letter of acceptance and bank statement. See <http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov/> for complete information on Visa application process.

Health Insurance:

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their stay abroad. They can either purchase their own or from KS. Follow instructions given by the host university.

Courses:

CAS: Students may register for any CAS courses.

CAAD: Kent State Florence offers Architecture and Interior Design at their College of Architecture & Environmental Design (CAED). Check out Kent State Florence's special [architecture and interior design website](#). Kent State Florence also offers Fashion Design courses.

SBA: The College of Business Administration is AACSB-accredited. Students are encouraged to take their general education (humanities, etc.), free electives and Business electives (MJR or MIN electives). Students can take major or required courses during their study abroad semester after getting the approval from SBA at AUS. KS has a list of unique international business classes in globalization, international marketing and finance, and regional courses. For more information on the courses please visit [:http://catalog.kent.edu/colleges/bu/#coursestext](http://catalog.kent.edu/colleges/bu/#coursestext)

AUS Course Approval:

Upon getting the placement from IXO, students should plan on working on their [AUS Course Permission Form](#) and get their classes approved by the department's designated approver for the courses that will be taken abroad. Upon approval, students would be provided with the grades required to transfer credits. Students must achieve the minimum grade as indicated on the form to receive course credit (requirements for credit transfer vary by program). Each study abroad case is subject to approval.

Financial Grant:

AUS students on grants/scholarships must obtain approval from the Office of Financial Grants and Scholarships before starting a semester abroad at a host university. In cases where the AUS student pays tuition directly to AUS for study abroad, the student will continue to use their AUS grants and AUS-funded scholarships for that semester abroad. These students should speak with the Financial Grants and Scholarship Manager for more information. Students sponsored by an organization outside of AUS are responsible for making arrangements with their sponsor.

