Join a group of Armstrong students and others from nearby USG institutions to spend 12 weeks studying in the beautiful and walled medieval city of Siena. You can not find a more ideal setting in Europe to spend the semester. Besides your academic classes, we will have 2 day trips to see the famous city of Florence, visits to nearby Tuscany villages, walking tours of Siena, and, best of all, you will participate in 7 cooking classes with marvelous Italian chefs. Plus, you get to eat the 4-course meals every time.

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Dante Alighieri Institute

The Sienalingue is an International Center of Language, Art, Culinary and Italian Culture in Siena. It was founded in Siena in 1979. Since that time, it has been welcoming students of a wide range of nationalities and all ages to study language, art, culture and cookery in the center of this charming medieval city. The School has been officially authorized by the Italian Ministry of Education. Since 1990, it represents the Siena Committee of the non-profit making cultural organization Società Dante Alighieri. Founded in Rome in 1889, the aim is to promote and sustain the knowledge of Italian language and culture throughout the world.

Dante Alighieri offers a diverse range of language and culture programs, tailor-made courses and cookery programs suitable for students from all over the world. It offers high quality teaching with innovative teaching methods, excellent facilities, a fantastic location in the heart of Siena and a positive and dynamic learning experience for students.

Dante Alighieri merges their ability to communicate in various languages with the wonderful academic resources of the community, including the University of Siena, to offer students unique learning experiences. Such is the opportunity students at our students to now have – to learn from English-speaking faculty in the heart of the birthplace of culture and the Renaissance.

The City of Siena

Surrounded by olive groves and the vineyards of Chianti, Siena is one of the most beautiful cities of Tuscany. Set on three hills, the city is drawn together by winding alleyways and steep steps, with the Piazza del Campo stands at its heart, and the Duomo and St Maria della Scala serving as additional cultural landmarks. Famed for the "Palio", the annual historic horse-races that take place on 2 July and 16 August, it is also home to one of the oldest Universities in Europe, which ensures a vibrant Italian student atmosphere throughout the academic year. In addition to the bustling daily life of the streets and squares of the city, Siena offers many cultural events, concerts, cinema, theatre and a wide range of sporting activities.

Few geographical areas in the world can boast of the variety of environment that surrounds Siena. To the north, the city has the richness of the Chianti landscape, woven with vines and olive-trees throughout the hills. Here also are beautiful towns like San Gimignano and Monteriggioni with old walls, winding streets and incredible views. South of Siena, the Arbia valley leads to the hill-top town of Montalcino, home to the famous Brunello wine. With such natural beauty within easy reach by car or public transport, Siena is a good place to base yourself for a Tuscan experience. The Chianti area, between Florence and Siena, is one of the most beautiful country sides in Italy and a famous wine production area.

Program Includes

- All student costs in Italy (access to library, self-study center, D.A. textbooks, Internet, local tours
- 2 trips to Florence, local excursions, and Dante Alighieri services) for all courses.
- Double occupancy in a shared student apartment with bathroom and kitchen facilities
- Arrival reception and group Farewell Dinner in Siena
- A primary health insurance policy providing basic coverage for medical expenses

Not Included

- Flight expense (some students may want to use frequent flier miles or even arrive or stay later).
- Travel to and from Siena from the Florence airport.
- Food (except for the seven four-course meals as a part of the culinary demonstrations and the welcome and farewell dinners.
- Passport and related expenses
- Your home institution tuition for your courses. Students should not need to pay on-campus fees (such as technology fee, athletic fee, etc.), totaling approximately $350-$400.