**Accommodations**

Homestays will be arranged by Victoria Language and Culture which has years of successful experience placing American students in year-long stays with Italian families. Students will have the opportunity to experience Italian culture first hand by staying with families in and around Modena. An important part of the cultural experiences for this program is living with an Italian family.

**General Requirements**

Applicants must document that they are of good character and have good academic standing. Previous field-based work with children is recommended. Participants will be selected based on an evaluation of all application materials and/or a personal interview. To participate in the program students must meet several requirements prior to leaving for Italy. These include the following: (1) attendance at 4 group meetings, (2) completion of an Italian language workbook, and (3) completion of any course-related pre-trip assignments. The University of Georgia is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

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UGA/Modena Schools 2015
Maymester in Italy
May 8-June 4, 2015
Modena, Italy
A Cross-Cultural Study Abroad Experience in Early Childhood and Elementary Education

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General Program Description

During the Maymester, approximately 20 students and UGA faculty directors will have a unique opportunity to work with pre-school, elementary, and middle school students and teachers in Modena, Italy. Modena is a city located between Milan and Bologna in Northern Italy. This trip will enable participants to experience Italian culture and to compare and contrast the American and Italian systems of early and elementary education—with an emphasis on Reggio Emilia. Middle school opportunities are also available. The program is open to undergraduates and graduate students.

Participants will have the opportunity to work 5 mornings a week with a teacher in an Italian school, live with an Italian host family, study Italian, learn about the teaching profession in Italy, and experience Italian culture. Student involvement will range from helping children learn English (taught in Italian schools beginning in 2nd grade) to teaching American songs and games and helping children complete homework. The children also enjoy teaching Italian to their new American teachers.

While in Italy students will participate in planned seminars, gather field-based observational data, teach lessons in Italian schools, visit sites of educational interest, and take excursions to sites of historical and cultural significance. Sites visited will include an overnight stay in Venice, and a weekend stay in Florence. Students also have the option of applying to work as a counselor in the Victoria Language sponsored 2-week English camp which begins the week after the study abroad program ends. There is also an optional 4-day excursion to Rome (June 4-7, 2015).

Credits

Students can enroll in a variety of courses depending upon major and class rank. Each carries 3 credit hours.

The HOPE scholarship can be used for tuition payment for study abroad courses. HOPE will NOT cover any of the $5000 program fee.

Cost

The program cost is $5000 and includes:

- Round trip international airfare
- Airport taxes
- All ground transportation in Italy
- 2 meals per day with host families
- Transportation fees and overnight accommodations in Florence and Venice
- 24/7 support from VLC
- Group lunch on day #1
- Formal closing reception
- Italian book
- Pre-departure Italian dinner

It is estimated that an additional $500 will be needed for miscellaneous expenses—such as small gifts for teachers, students, and host families, meals during weekend excursions, and souvenirs.

Payments and Fees

The application process is open October 21-December 1, 2014. A $500 application fee and $1000 program fee deposit are due.
with the application. The remaining $3500 will be charged to student accounts upon registration for study abroad course(s). For scholarship opportunities please visit http://international.uga.edu/education-abroad-scholarship-types.php?category=1