

H2O

Harding University Second Semester Overseas

H2O is an opportunity for any Harding University student who has successfully completed any one of our overseas programs. This program is designed to offer flexibility in the areas of curriculum, board arrangements, travel and total cost.

The program, beginning in the summer term of 2007, is housed at La Scuola Biblica (home of Avanti Italia) in Scandicci. The building is located approximately half way between downtown Florence and the Harding University villa (HUF).

Here are the basics:

1. **PARTICIPATION:** To participate in H2O, students must have completed successfully any one of the Harding study abroad semesters, have a cumulative grade point of 2.5, be free of probationary status and present a letter of recommendation from the director of the overseas program in which they participated.
2. **ACADEMIC:** All students participating in H2O are required to maintain enrollment in an Italian language course that is appropriate to their current skill level. Other courses may be selected from HU online classes, courses offered at HUF that term and independent studies offered by overseas and Searcy campus faculty. Every effort will be made to accommodate each student's needs. For any student taking more than 8 hours, a Bible class is required. Other than Italian, there is no minimum number of hours required.
3. **HOUSING:** Living arrangements are similar to HUF, with clean and safe barracks-style rooms with shared bathrooms. Housing for a semester will be charged at \$1,300.00, with flexible beginning and ending dates (to be arranged between the student and the International Programs office). Laundry machines are available for use at the building (fee charged for use). The facility has wireless Internet available; a laptop is recommended. A public bus stop is less than a five-minute walk away. The facility is located in a quiet and safe neighborhood. The building is secured with key-only entry and has operated free of any security problems for many years.
4. **FOOD:** Flexible plans are available that are drawn from a combination of the following options:
 - a. no meal plan (you are on your own)
 - b. use of La Scuola Biblica kitchen facilities (by permission of Avanti Italia Director)
 - c. meals at the Harding Villa (charged on a meal-plan basis)
 - d. meals with Avanti Italia participants (only offered when available)
 - e. combination of the above

Cost for the meal plan will be determined as the plan is developed. In no case will the charge be greater than the board cost of HUF for that term of study. The intent is to afford the student maximum flexibility.

5. **TRANSPORTATION:** All transportation arrangements are at the discretion of the participant. The participant will need to plan on the costs of round-trip airfare to Italy, local bus passes, and train tickets or Eurail pass for optional travel during the term. The International Programs office is pleased to assist H2O participants with any of these, or the participants are free to make their own arrangements. Unless other arrangements are made in advance, it is expected that the H2O student will handle all transportation, including air travel, transport to and from the Avanti facility and return to the USA. This policy allows the student maximum freedom in planning and in potential cost savings. H2O students are encouraged to purchase an ISIC card from the International Programs office prior to purchase of air transportation; significant savings may accrue to anyone who uses this discount card in making such arrangements.
6. **FINANCIAL:** The following charges apply (and are subject to change):
 - a. a \$400 non-refundable application fee
 - b. tuition for Italian language course (4-hours for Italian 101 or 102; 3-hours for Italian 201 or 202)
 - c. \$1,300 room payment (per HUF-length semester)
 - d. applicable transportation charges (to be determined by student choice)
 - e. applicable board charges (to be determined by student choice)
 - f. \$22 per credit hour tech fee with a maximum fee of \$220 (required by University policy)
 - g. any other tuition charges necessary for courses selected
 - h. any charges for tours or excursions with HUF or HUG groups
7. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** The rules for H2O are the same as they are for HUF (drawn from the Searcy campus). The student will report to the Director of the Avanti Italia program or his designee. In addition to following the HUF code of conduct, students will be expected to strictly follow all guidelines laid out by the Avanti Italia director. In most instances these sets of guidelines are very similar to each other.
8. **INTERACTION WITH HUF/HUG:** Interaction with the ongoing HUF and HUG programs is permitted. Participation in museum visits, field trips, and tours are permitted on a pre-paid, space available basis. It is requested that any such participation be arranged and paid for before the semester begins.
9. **GOVERNANCE:** The Dean of International Programs will serve as the academic director of this program. The Director of HUF will serve as dean of student life and on-site administrator of the program.