Why food studies and the Umbra Institute in Perugia, Italy?

This exciting FOUR CREDIT HOUR course fulfills the natural science requirement for non-majors and explores the chemistry of food and the cooking process from a scientific basis. Each week students will create an edible experiment and look at the science behind how it all works.

A Spelman-Italy course at the Umbra Institute program will allow Spelman students and others to take a Spelman Food chemistry course in Italy. Since Spelman's Food studies program examines the ways food is centered in political discourses in both domestic and global spheres with an emphasis on African diasporic communities, the program will connect our students to African and Peruvian communities in Italy. Engaging in these communities will allow students to understand food practices and food as a marker of cultural identity to socially controversial issues such as economic globalization, local economic development and empowerment, and sustainability.

Get in touch now for pricing & information kjackson@spelman.edu
APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Applications are still being accepted.
2. If accepted, a $500- non-refundable deposit is due ASAP. This payment will secure your spot.
3. $1060- first installment due on or before January 24, 2020.
4. $1060- second installment due on or before February 21, 2020.
5. $1060- final installment and passport verification due on or before March 20, 2020.

IS WIFI EASILY ACCESSIBLE IN ITALY?

The Umbra Institute and all student apartments are fully equipped with WiFi. Students often study in local coffee, gelato, or sweet shops where WiFi is also available.

WHAT STUDENT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

Umbra staff meets students upon arrival to the FCO airport in Rome and offers a comprehensive academic and safety orientation, including a walking tour of the city. Various workshops and cultural activities are arranged throughout the semester and day-trip travel guides are available. Umbra also has a smartphone app that provides not only course, local discount, and activity information, but also emergency and medical contacts, as well as an immediate notification system designed to reach travelers in any location. Students also have access to Umbra’s 24/7 emergency phone, student lounge with a television hosting American channels, the library, and printer.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN TUITION?

Tuition covers the academic program, housing, airport transfers (FCO-PG-FCO), Resident Director, orientation, institute & university facilities, some Umbra-sponsored cultural activities, student insurance, course fees, student services & 24-hour assistance. The total costs for tuition is $3680 and does not cover airfare, personal travel, or food.

WHAT WILL MY APARTMENT BE LIKE?

All student apartments are located within a short walking distance of the Umbra Institute. They are within Perugia’s historic city center, offering quick access to cafes, restaurants, grocery stores, cinemas, shopping centers, the post office, and more. Apartments are fully furnished and each apartment has a fully-equipped kitchen that students may use to cook affordable meals. Students will be asked to bring their own towel, but sheets, pillows, fans, and other household items will be provided by the Institute’s dedicated housing staff.