

FACT SHEET



LdM MISSION

Founded in 1973, Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM) is committed to delivering a high-quality international learning experience through which students advance along their higher-education paths, develop their creativity, realize their own potential, and empower themselves to impact the world around them. Experiential learning and an interdisciplinary approach are LdM's main tools to foster students' future professional development.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT LdM

- Founded in 1973 in Florence.
- Over 3000 students annually from all over the world (100+ nationalities).
- 600 different courses in 39 subject areas.
- All courses taught in English, with the exception of Italian language courses.
- 3 LdM locations: Florence, Rome, and Tuscania.
- 7 main academic divisions: Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Sciences, Agriculture, Creative Arts, Design, Italian Language and Culture, and Nutrition, Italian Gastronomy and Culture
- More than 200 dedicated and qualified faculty members from Italy and all over the world.

LdM ACCREDITATION

Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici is:

- Registered and authorized in Italy by the Ministry of Education (December 2, 1989).
- Approved by the US Middle States Commission on Higher Education as a branch campus of Marist College, with particular note on the quality of LdM facilities and academic environment.

The LdM campuses in Florence, Rome and Tuscania are approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. LdM is also accredited by the CSN of the Swedish government, by the Icelandic Student Loan Fund (LIN), and it has been awarded the European quality certification ISO 9001:2015 by EQA (European Quality Assurance).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Fall Semester: June 15th
- Spring Semester: November 15th
- January Intersession: November 15th
- Summer Session I (June): April 15th
- Summer Session II (July): May 15th
- Academic Year / One-year Certificates / One-year Professional / Advanced Certificates: June 15th

CREDIT TRANSFER

Students may earn US credits for all programs and courses taken at LdM. Students enrolling directly through LdM have the option of receiving either the LdM transcript or a US transcript from Marist College, LdM US accredited partner institution. Students enrolling through affiliate institutions or providers should contact their program or home institution in this regard.

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PROGRAMS AND DEGREES

ACADEMIC SEMESTER AND YEAR ABROAD PROGRAMS

LdM offers a variety of study abroad programs of different lengths, ranging from Semester and Year Programs to Summer Sessions. Study abroad programs are available at each LdM site (Florence, Rome and Tuscania) throughout the academic year.

LdM ACADEMIC SEMESTER AND YEAR ABROAD PROGRAMS foster awareness and understanding of not only the course topics, but also of Italian culture. Students customize their courses of study according to their academic needs and personal interests, tailoring interdisciplinary paths of study where creativity meets academic dedication. A special study abroad *STEM program* is offered at LdM Rome, giving STEM and related majors the opportunity of taking rigorous science courses, taught in collaboration with Università Roma Tre, while benefitting from state-of-the-art teaching and research laboratories. Students can also choose to experience local and regional differences within Italy through the LdM one-semester *Three Cities Program*. This study abroad experience connects students to three diverse Italian cities, each with a distinctive identity and culture: Tuscania, Rome, and Florence.

LdM INTERNSHIPS offer students the possibility to learn different aspects of working in Italy, a country known for its artisan and small business structure. Internships are available for US credit and in combination with academic courses only. LdM arranges Art History internships in the major churches and museums of Florence and Rome as well as internships in *Communications, Event Planning, Web Marketing, Social Media Marketing, Education, Fashion Design and Merchandising, Graphic Design* and *Health Sciences*. In addition, students have the opportunity to carry out service learning (in Italian only). Placement opportunities are limited and vary on each campus.

SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS AT LdM LdM Summer Sessions consist of month-long academic courses during June and July. These programs are well-suited for undergraduate students as well as for independent students seeking a meaningful educational experience. Additional summer programs include the *Florence and Southern Italy Restoration Workshops*, the *Archaeological Field School* at LdM Tuscania, the *Marist-LdM Venice Biennale Program*, and a 4-week *STEM Program* at LdM Rome.

The three-week January Intersession at LdM Florence provides the opportunity for undergraduate students as well as independent or adult students to broaden their academic horizon and to deepen their personal experience with an intensive academic program.

STUDENT SERVICES AT LdM

- Housing Service (Student shared apartments or family stay)
- Special plans for meals and dining
- Library and student labs
- On-site Orientation
- Dedicated staff of Student Advisors
- 24h Emergency number
- Student Clubs (LdM Florence)
- Volunteer Projects
- Field Trips

US UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT LdM FLORENCE

International students are able to earn a fully-accredited US undergraduate Bachelor's Degree through LdM's partnership with Marist College. The following four-year degrees are available: *Art History, Italian Language, Digital Media, Fashion Design, Studio Art, Interior Design, Conservation Studies*, and *Global Marketing Communication*. Furthermore, Marist College and Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici offer an interdisciplinary Graduate Degree Program: the one-year M.A. in *Museum Studies*, which grants students an in-depth exploration of how museums operate within a social and cultural contexts.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

LdM CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AT LdM FLORENCE integrate a strong theoretical base and practical work within structured plans of study for the pursuit of professional goals.

LdM SEMESTER CERTIFICATES give students the opportunity to gather the professional skills and the theoretical underpinnings of their field of choice in a single semester. Semester Certificates include: *Visual Communication for Fashion, Interior Design in Contemporary Living, Product Design towards Sustainability, Architecture in Urban Context, Italian Gastronomy*, and *Balance in Nutrition*.

LdM ONE-YEAR AND PROFESSIONAL/ADVANCED CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS are designed to develop students' creativity, artistic talent, and technical skills, and to prepare them to enter the relevant marketplace. LdM offers one- and two-year Certificates in the following disciplines: *Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing and Merchandising, Graphic Design and Visual Communication, Jewelry Design, Interior Design, Restoration and Conservation*, and *Fine Arts*.

ICTC CERTIFICATE AT LdM ROME A One Semester Certificate in *International Conflict Resolution (ICTC)* at LdM Rome offers an intense fifteen-credit program in International Conflict Transformation, during which students of different career paths learn how to analyze and evaluate conflict from an international perspective, becoming better informed about global politics and learning to measure the difference between principles and practice.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

LdM Professional opportunities program (LdM Florence) provides students with a noncredit experiential learning opportunity centered on the completion of one single project, during which students collaborate with both the LdM institute and local businesses, organizations and associations. Upon successful completion of the project, students receive a certificate of participation. Each professional opportunity has specific application requirements.