SHORT RESIDENTIAL UNITS OVERSEAS – WINTER VACATION PROGRAMS 2012

Bologna University

Advanced beginners, intermediate and advanced Italian

9th July – 27th July (3 weeks)

Macquarie application deadline: Monday 2nd April 2012

See also:
http://www.eng.unibo.it/PortaleEn/International+Relations/Summer+Schools/ItalianLanguageForeigners.htm

Overview

The University of Bologna organizes summer courses of Italian language and culture for foreign students. These courses are based on an innovative structure: tuition in class is combined with an afternoon program of cultural trips and activities, so that the students can learn Italian language both written and oral by getting into direct contact with the traditions and culture of the territory.

Students will gain credit towards their Macquarie award program and enhance their language skills through this three-week language immersion program.

Program description

Bologna offers classes at all levels. Students will be required to take a placement test as part of the online application to Bologna once they have been nominated by Macquarie University.

The classes will take place in the Linguistic Centre of Bologna University - CILTA, Centro di Linguistica Teorica e Applicata "L. Heilmann" which is located in Piazza San Giovanni in Monte, in the very centre of the city and close to the main building of Bologna University.

The program will include:
- 50 hours of tuition in class
- 10 hours of cultural visits
- 2 optional week-end field-trips
Student Profile

This program is specifically designed for Italian language students at Macquarie University.

The short term programs are primarily for students undertaking a study program with a language major at Macquarie University (BIntStud/BA/DipLang). Only in exceptional circumstances will students from other faculties who have been studying a language at Macquarie be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

Places available

A maximum of 10 Macquarie students can participate in the course

Selection Criteria

- Students must be enrolled in a relevant Macquarie University degree award program at the time of application and also at the time of travel. Students must have completed 18 credit points towards their degree, with exceptions outlined below.
- Students must have a Macquarie University GPA of 2.5 or higher. In exceptional circumstances, students with a GPA of 2.0 - 2.5 may be considered for short term programs only on the advice of the Head of The Department of International Studies. Students should in the first instance contact Joanna Rosenzweig joanna.rosenzweig@mq.edu.au to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must require credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Priority will be given to students undertaking Italian as a compulsory unit in their degree such as students enrolled in a Bachelor of International Studies and students currently enrolled in a degree with a language major at Macquarie University.
- Students’ eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy, http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student_exchange
- Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement
- Students enrolled in non-award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs

Language students in their first year may participate in an in-country unit without having fulfilled the 18cp requirement on the following conditions:

- They are enrolled in a Bachelor degree program at Macquarie
- They are enrolled in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 units for their chosen language
- They obtain a recommendation from the Department of International Studies
- The short program in which they are participating is one that has been specifically designed for students going between 1st and 2nd semester language units (100 level
The program offered is specifically established for a group of students who do not comply with the regular policy. If this is the case, it will be made clear in the documentation about the program.

**Timing and Duration of Program**

The program will run for 3 weeks, beginning Monday 9th July and finishing Friday 27th July 2012. Students must be present for the entirety of the course, including the whole of the first and last days.

**Assignment and Assessment**

Students will be required to undertake a final exam as part of the course. Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Students are expected to:

- Attend classes
- Prepare their homework
- Participate actively
- Pass all scheduled tests

**Assessment:** Written and oral exams as well as report presentations.

**Credit**

Students participating in the course will be enrolled at Macquarie in the appropriate residential language unit at Macquarie (ITL109 - ITL209 - ITL305) (3 credit points). All students must be enrolled into a unit to receive this credit. Standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) for the enrollment are payable to Macquarie.

Please note the cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the program logistics fee.

Students cannot enrol themselves into the unit until they have been accepted into the program and a waiver has been entered.

Grades will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided students pass, will not affect their GPA.

**Mobility Scholarships**

Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie mobility scholarship.

Mobility scholarships are intended to assist students in participating in student mobility programs.
While the scholarships will assist in meeting program expenses, they are not intended to cover all costs and cannot be processed on demand. Grants are processed after the pre-departure session, close to the start date of the overseas program.

Applicants will need to be able to meet the costs of the program independently of the mobility scholarship.

Students do NOT need to apply for the mobility scholarship separately. Students accepted into the program will be automatically be eligible for the scholarship. Further details will be provided to successful applicants.

**OS – Help**

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) offers loans to assist Australian students undertake some of their study towards their undergraduate degree overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP.

See further information on this link  
[http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange)

Eligible students can collect hard copy OS-Help applications from Macquarie International, E3A, Level 1.

Please note that OS-Help applications are not guaranteed and students should not reply on this money as a source of funding for their program.

Successful applicants can expect to receive their payment on or close to the start of their overseas program. Payments cannot be processed on demand.

**Accommodation**

Students will be housed in a double room in the University's residence.

Accommodation fees will be approximately **500 Euro** and will be payable directly to Bologna within 10 days of arrival.
Fees and Costs

To apply to participate in the program, all students must submit an application to Macquarie International via the online application system.

There is an application fee of $110 to apply for any short-term program. This fee must be received by the application deadline, and must be paid either in person at the MI Shop in Building E3A (payable by EFTPOS or credit card only), or online at the MI Shop webpage: http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop/products/Stock.asp?c=16

Successful students will also be required to cover the following costs:

- Logistics fee to Macquarie (see below for an explanation of this fee)
- Tuition fee for the residential language unit at Macquarie
- Airfare (price subject to change depending on time of booking) Students must not purchase airfares or make travel arrangements until they have been formally accepted by Bologna.
- Living expenses for the duration of the program.
- Accommodation payable directly to Bologna

The logistic fee for the BSE 2012 program is yet to be finalised but will most likely be under 100AUD.

This fee includes:
- Administrative fee
- Transcript of records
- Lonely Planet Italy book

Further information on the logistic fee payment process will be sent by email to successful candidates.

How to Pay Relevant Fees

Application Fees (110 AUD) can be paid in two ways:

In person

EFTPOS and Credit Card payments can be made, in person, at the MiShop on Level 1 of building E3A. Please note that except in exceptional circumstances, it is not possible to make cash payments.
Online

Go to http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop
Select "Events for Exchange students" on the left-hand menu. Then, select the International Exchange Program Application Fee and add it to your cart to pay online.
Further application on the logistic fees payment process will be sent by email to successful candidates.

How to Apply

The application form is online at: https://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Short Term Exchange")
- Your personal details
- Emergency contact details
- Your current study details
- Your university preferences and the units you hope to study at those universities
- A supporting statement, i.e., why do you want to go on exchange and what qualities do you think you have that will make you a good choice for the exchange program?
- Contact details for two referees

Remember to click the 'Submit' button to submit your application.
It should take around 20 – 30 minutes to complete the application. You can log out and log back in to finish it at a later date if necessary, but please remember to submit it by the deadline.

Evaluation

Students will be required to complete an online evaluation for Macquarie International before grades from Bologna can be transferred back to Macquarie.

Deadline

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by the 2nd April 2012.

Notes for International Students

International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions for class attendance and pass rates whilst overseas – general requirements for international students, as dictated by the ESOS Act, must still be met.
For more information please visit

International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program.

Further Information

Students should direct initial enquiries to:
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