SHORT RESIDENTIAL UNITS OVERSEAS – WINTER VACATION 2011 PROGRAMS

Bologna University
Italian short term program
Adavnce beginners, intermediate and advanced levels

4 - 22 July 2011 (3 weeks)
Macquarie application deadline: April 1st 2011

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.

Program description

The courses 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 (BA/BIntStud/Dipl.Lang.). Only in exceptional circumstances, students from other faculties who have been studying a language at Macquarie will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

Student Numbers

A maximum of 10 Macquarie students can participate in the course

Outcome

- Language immersion in Bologna
- Acquisition of credit points towards a Macquarie award program

Timing and Duration of Program

The program will run for 3 weeks, beginning Monday 4th July and finishing Friday 24rd July 2011. 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 into the appropriate Residential Unit (ITL109 - ITL 209 - ITL305). All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) for the enrollment are payable to Macquarie. The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee.

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

The results will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided they pass, will not affect their GPA.

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 a satisfactory level of academic achievement with 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 Carolina Rodriguez carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Priority will be given to students that are 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 a Certificate in Languages only are not eligible for travel grants
- 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.
• 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.

**Travel Grant**

• Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie travel grant of $2,000.
• These grants will be paid directly into students’ Australian bank accounts, provided they attend all compulsory information sessions and complete all required application forms and other documentation by the deadlines stated on those documents.
• Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages are not eligible for travel grants.

**OS – Help**

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced the provision of 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)

**Accommodation**

Students will be hosted in the University’s residence. Accommodation fees are 700 AUD.

**Cost**

The Logistics Fee for this program is estimated to be $700.

Please note that these fees are estimated, the fees could change according to the exchange rate.

This fee includes:
- Accommodation in University’s residence (in double and, in some cases, triple rooms)
- Transcript of records
- Lonely Planet Italy book

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

**Additional costs**

Students should expect to also pay the following amounts:
- $110 Macquarie short term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit [http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs)
- Tuition fee for the Residential unit at Macquarie
- Airfare: $2500-3000 (depending on time of booking)

Details of payment will be given once students have been accepted into the program.
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](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/](https://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/)
You will be asked for:

- Your application type (“Student Exchange”)
- Your personal details
- Your passport 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 1st April 2011.

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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