

ITALY

The Umbra Institute



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Available spring, summer, and fall
- Easy transfer of credits and no language experience required
- Accommodations near campus
- Direct enrollment (You pay tuition to Umbra Institute)

WHY PERUGIA?

“The big university town in a small Italian city.” Rich in art, architecture, and historical significance, Perugia is internationally recognized as a city of learning. Perugia’s hilltop location serves as the ideal backdrop for study abroad in Italy: the ancient city is surrounded by the rolling hills of Umbria and Tuscany. While lying off the beaten path, travel from Perugia is easy as Rome, Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Cortona are only a short distance away, and the airports in Perugia and Rome connect you to the rest of Europe. As opposed to larger cities like Rome or Florence, Perugia offers limitless opportunities to practice language skills and experience authentic Italian life. Time and time again, those who studied here find themselves returning to enjoy the city’s delights.

STUDY AT THE UMBRA INSTITUTE

Beyond the unique location, community engagement is the guiding philosophy behind all Umbra academic programs. Thanks to the city’s small size, the daily interaction with Italian students, and effective Italian language studies, Umbra helps students get to know the real Italy. Each term, Umbra students discover that giving back to the host community is one of the most rewarding outcomes of their time abroad. The real and visible impact of these efforts includes intercultural exchange, language acquisition, and new friendships. Students may choose from academic internships and service-learning projects to volunteering, co-ops, and more.

www.umbra.org/community-engagement-abroad

ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate student
- Good academic standing (2.75 GPA)
- Must have studied at Chatham for one year prior to study abroad

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND PROGRAM DATES

SPRING 2027 TERM

Application Deadline	October 15, 2026
Entry Date	January 8, 2027

SUMMER 2027 TERM

Application Deadline	March 2027
Entry Date	May 14, 2027 (session 1) June 24, 2027 (session 2)

FALL 2027 TERM

Application Deadline	April 2027
Entry Date	August 27, 2027

ACADEMICS

Umbra's **General Studies Program** gives students maximum flexibility when choosing their courses. Typically, students enroll in 15-18 credits, including a mandatory Italian language class and four classes of their choosing. Curricular concentrations are offered in art & art history; business & communications; english, film & media; and history, political science & sociology. The **Multicultural Psychology Program** is designed for psychology students to gain a cross-cultural perspective and is open to all students interested in the topic, consisting of one core course (Human Development in Culture), at least two elective courses in psychology, and a required Italian language class. The **Food & Sustainability Studies Program** is an interdisciplinary program comprised of two core courses (History and Culture of Food in Italy and Sustainable Food Production in Italy), an elective course in food and sustainability studies, and a required Italian language class. For more details, see www.umbra.org/courses.

Umbra offers **Direct Enrollment** at some of Perugia's most prestigious institutions: The University for Foreigners (Università per Stranieri), The University of Perugia (Università degli Studi di Perugia) or The Academy of Fine Arts Pietro Vannucci (Accademia di Belle Arti Pietro Vannucci).

During the summer, students can choose from the **General Studies Summer Program**; the **Intensive Italian through Culture Program** and the **Summer Archaeology Field School** which provides a curricular concentration in Archaeology and History based in nearby Castiglione del Lago on the shores of Lake Trasimeno.

Semester and summer internships are available. See www.umbra.org/internships.

STUDENT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Services offered include state-of-the-art facilities; private airport pick-up in Rome and transfer to Perugia; two-day orientation in Perugia including a practical city walking tour; mandatory Italian language courses to learn practical skills to communicate with locals; a variety of extracurricular activities (pizza-making workshop, sports with Italian university students, etc.); monthly newsletters, and Wi-Fi in all student apartments. Students are offered a wide variety of cultural workshops each semester, each introducing a different aspect of Italian culture. Several practical workshops during the semester help guide students with information on travel in Italy and Europe, presentation skills, reentry into the US, and more.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Umbra Institute provides housing for students in the historic center of Perugia. Apartments are near the Umbra Institute's facilities and pharmacies, banks, supermarkets, and the post office. Each is fully furnished with kitchen and bathroom facilities, bedrooms with two beds and shared closet space. There is no meal plan and students are encouraged to cook for themselves. The Umbra Institute housing staff will assist with everyday concerns as they may arise. Homestays with carefully selected host families are available for an additional fee for students who would like to enhance their Italian studies outside the classroom.

TO APPLY

Apply at www.umbra.org/prospective-students/application-form.

ESTIMATED COSTS

	SPRING 2027	SUMMER 2027	FALL 2027
Tuition & Fees	\$15,400-17,415	\$5,750-8,170	\$15,400-17,415
Housing	Included	Included	Included
Additional Expenses	\$5,000-6,000	\$2,000-3,000	\$5,000-6,000
Approx. Total	\$20,400-23,415	\$7,750-11,170	\$20,400-23,415

Tuition and fees vary according to the program in which the student enrolls. All tuition and housing fees and dates should be confirmed with the program. These prices are an estimate and are subject to change. Tuition and housing shall be paid directly to The Umbra Institute. "Additional expenses" is an estimate for airfare, meals, health insurance, entertainment, transportation, Italian immigration permits, and personal allowance. Students are responsible for all expenses.

Chatham is committed to being as transparent as possible with respect to our study abroad financial arrangements. Financial transactions and business dealings are fully disclosed. Foreign currencies can be converted at www.xe.com/currencyconverter/



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