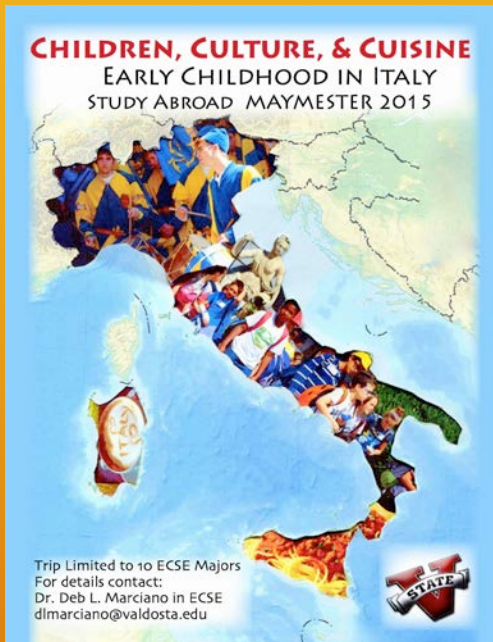


# Valdosta, GA to Valle D'Aosta, Italy - 2015



Limited to 10  
ECSE Majors\*  
Valdosta State University

May 14 - June 9  
2015

\*See website for details



Students will take ONE graduate course: ECED 6000 - *A study of current issues and concepts in early childhood education.*

**It is not necessary to speak Italian to take part in this program.**

Scholarship opportunities will be offered through the Dewar College of Education & Human Services. In addition, The Center for International Programs (CIP) has information on other possible scholarships, grants, financial aid, and fundraising opportunities.

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/international-programs/dept/study-abroad/scholarship-opportunities.php>

Application Fee of \$ 300  
due between Oct. 12 -

Nov. 1, 2014

(Tuition costs are separate).

## Study Abroad with VSU

Travel to Italy for 27 days with other ECSE Majors to experience culture, cuisine, and approaches to early childhood development, from ancient to modern times. We will visit: Valle D'Aosta (our "sister city" in the Alps), Venice Mestre and Venice, Modena, Marano sul Panaro, Florence, Siena, Rome, and Pompeii, to develop intercultural and pedagogical understandings.

See program website for costs, payments, information sessions, and program requirements for participation.

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# Italia: May 14 – June 9, 2015

The purpose of this faculty-led study abroad program for ECSE teacher candidates at Valdosta State University is to help refine skills of observation, learn about Italian pedagogical practices of early childhood education in an immersion setting, and to develop intercultural competencies, all important skills for educators dealing with today's diverse classrooms. This pilot program, which includes earning 3 graduate level credits, is suitable for education majors (ECSE) entering the third professional semester maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher.



## FROM VALDOSTA TO VALLE D'AOSTA – ITALY '15

Welcome to *Italia 2015: Children, Culture & Cuisine*, the pilot Study Abroad Program for Early Childhood & Special Education majors from the Dewar College of Education & Human Services at Valdosta State University.

*Italia*: Land of the ancient Etruscans, art, culture, cuisine, the Renaissance, and innovative approaches to early childhood education. Living amidst such ancient history, Italians constantly merge old and modern worlds, and you will, too.

Spend 4 culturally filled weeks exploring approaches to early childhood development, education, and everything Italian in a wide variety of settings. Through directed observations in public spaces, schools, and culturally significant locations, we will identify and analyze differences and similarities in early childhood development, celebrations, and food. We will present mini-lessons to a variety of learners and visit the Reggio Emilia Malaguzzi Center. We will volunteer in local classrooms, sharing children's literature with learners of English. Guest lectures and guided tours will augment course readings, as we experience the beauty of world-renowned works of art in museums, public spaces, and churches. There

will be opportunities to interact with locals for meals and conversation, to explore traditional customs through local and national celebrations. We will enjoy all Italy has to offer through various activities, learning how Italian culture, art, history, architecture, and food impact every aspect of life in Italy. That includes: pasta and pizza tasting, visits to historically and artistically significant sites, lots of gelato and some surprises! (also *lots* of walking).

Included: Airfare - Atlanta to Milan, Italy, and Rome to Atlanta. Air-conditioned motor coaches and train between locations. 25 overnight accommodations with Continental breakfast, 24/7 emergency contact, entrance fees and guided tours in Venice, Florence, Rome, the Vatican, and Pompeii, several dinners, and more. Please see website for more information.

Due to the nature of this program, participants must expect mostly foot travel on cobble-stoned and steep streets, especially in small towns and historic centers.

See website for more information.

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