

History 275: The Renaissance
Cuyamaca College/SDICCCA/Spring 2009, Florence, Italy
Section 9001/Mondays 1:20-5:20 p.m.

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Course Description: Welcome to History 275! This class will explore the history of the Renaissance by covering major themes. Topics include (but are not limited to) the importance of Florence, art, architecture, women and family, the church, politics and political theory, warfare, and others. This class will make extensive use of excursions and in-class discussion based on readings. Active participation is a must for success in this course! Please feel free to ask questions in and out of class.

Required Texts:

Kenneth Bartlett, *The Civilization of the Italian Renaissance*

Course packet

25 Euro in reserve for museum visits not covered by the museum pass

Course Grading:

3 exams (3 X 100 points)	300 points
2 field exercises (2 X 50 points)	100 points
1 paper	100 points
course journal	100 points
Total	600 points

Grading Scale: A 90% and up/B 80-89%/C 70-79%/D 60-69%/F below 60%

Course Policies

Attendance: In accordance with Cuyamaca College policies and in order to ensure a positive learning experience in the study-abroad setting, a strict attendance policy will be enforced. The first day of class is mandatory and failure to attend on the first day will result in being dropped from the course. Students may miss one class without penalty. A second class absence will result in a student being dropped from the course. (Please remember that students must be enrolled in 12 units to be in the program!) Arriving to class late and/or leaving class early will count as a half-absence. In short, do not miss class! Your allowed absence should be used only if you are ill. Students who miss class are responsible for the material they missed.

Academic Honesty: In accordance with college guidelines, cheating and/or plagiarism can result in failure for the course and/or further disciplinary action including expulsion from the college.

Classroom Decorum: This is a great opportunity to learn in the study abroad setting! There is to be no eating during class and feet should be kept firmly on the floor. Phones and other devices should be turned off and put away. No text messaging or e-mailing during class! After one warning, violators of these policies will be asked to leave and an absence will be recorded.

The Italian Setting: Please remember that we are guests in another country with its own history, customs, and laws. When going out into the field, please be respectful at all times. When going on organized field trips with a bus driver, please remember that it is customary for everyone to contribute toward the tip for the bus driver. Please remember also that US law does **not** apply to you in Italy or any other country! You are subject to Italian law!