

To be completed by the dean or registrar of the student's home university/college if credits are to be transferred:

This certifies that the above-mentioned student is in good standing at this institution and has been granted approval to take the said courses to transfer to this institution.

Lowest grade acceptable for transfer of credits: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NB: Please visit our website, for a list of courses being offered at the Villa Le Balze.**

#### RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

**Letter 1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Professor Department

**Letter 2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Professor Department

**ARE YOU CURRENTLY ON HONOR CODE, DISCIPLINARY, ACADEMIC, APARTMENT, OR HOUSING PROBATION?**

NO YES Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that a student's academic and disciplinary record will be taken into account when making a decision regarding that student's suitability for overseas studies. Academic. (including Honor Code), disciplinary, and housing records will be reviewed and considered carefully during the selection process as well as at the end of the semester prior to overseas studies. You are required to inform your Dean and the Villa le Balze Programs Office of any change in your academic status or academic or disciplinary violation or sanction which occurs during the selection process, or prior to departure for your study abroad site, even if the matter is not yet resolved. Support for your participation in your overseas program may be withdrawn if you fail to report such information to your Dean and the Villa le Balze Programs Office. In addition, an application may be rejected or support withdrawn for reasons including, but not limited to the following: failure in a course; dramatic drop in current or cumulative GPA; failure to meet conditional nomination requirements; Honor Code violation; Student Code of Conduct violation resulting in sanctions such as, but not limited to, housing probation, housing relocation, apartment living probation or suspension, disciplinary probation, housing suspension, housing expulsion, or active or suspended suspension; or unpaid fines related to violations.

#### STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

The information in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any action on this application is contingent on review of all of my Georgetown grades and my complete academic and disciplinary records through the time of departure for the program. I further understand that a change in my academic status or an academic, (including Honor Code), or disciplinary violation or sanction prior to my departure overseas may result in the withdrawal of support for my nomination. I understand that the application process may include supplementary materials which I agree to complete promptly. If accepted, I will participate in all required orientations and complete all evaluations. I give

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permission to the Villa le Balze Programs Office to send my parents or guardians any information deemed appropriate by the Director of Programs. I also authorize the Registrar to release my transcript to the Villa le Balze Programs Office as part of this application and I authorize the Villa le Balze Programs Office to forward transcripts and other information as appropriate to the Director of Programs and the Villa le Balze Programs Office in Florence.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF EDUCATION RECORDS TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR NON-GU STUDENTS

I, [insert student name], request that [insert name of home university], release copies of my education records, including any records relating to my personal conduct and academic progress, to the Office of International Programs at Georgetown University. I am making for the purpose of facilitating my admission to and enrollment in Georgetown University's Villa la Balze study abroad program in Italy, and understand that these records will be used by Georgetown University to evaluate my eligibility for participation in that program.

Please forward copies of the records requested above to Georgetown University in the enclosed addressed, stamped envelope as soon as possible.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) The most recent transcript from the institution last attended or most recently attending, (this should be an unofficial transcript printed from Student Access+); if you are a transfer student, please also include a transcript from the institution from which you transferred
- 2) A carefully written two-page, double-spaced essay which addresses why you are interested in this program, and what you would hope to gain from participating in it
- 3) One page resume, (with your name typed at the top), describing any extra-curricular activities in which you participate, including jobs
- 4) Two letters of recommendation from faculty who know you and your academic work *N.B. There is **NOT** a recommendation form; ask your professors to write a recommendation letter for you. These should be submitted in a signed, sealed envelope to the applicant.*
- 5) The appropriate signatures of approval
- 6) A photo of the applicant attached to the application form

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR FALL 2007 AND/OR SPRING 2008 MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 9, 2007 to:**

Villa Le Balze Programs  
1421 37th Street, N.W.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Poulton Hall  
Georgetown University  
Washington, DC 20057-1013.



*“When I dream of houses I have lived in, I am reclaiming the past. When I dream of rambling rooms and intimate corners, I am staking a claim on what the dream allows me to believe is a possible future.*

*When I ride on a train and see the backs of houses, the minutiae of daily life fascinates me; daydreaming, I own the houses, I feel safe.*

*Dreaming through the noble Tuscan landscape, the terraced hills crowned by churches and towers and blessed by vineyards and everything --stone houses, silver-green olive trees, blue-green undulating fields, triangles and bowls of wheat-green land bordered by dark exclamatory cypresses and shaded by magnificent umbrella pines-- everything bathed in the austere, uncompromising Tuscan light, I feel that life is altogether bounteous and good, lovable, manageable, sweet. ”*

ITALIAN DAYS, Barbara Grizzuti Harrison

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Georgetown University  
Box 571013  
Washington, DC 20057-1013

**PLEASE POST**

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S  
**VILLA LE BALZE**  
IN  
*Fiesole, Italy*

ACADEMIC YEAR 2007-2008





### INTRODUCTION

In December, 1979, the Marquesa Margaret Rockefeller de Larrain, daughter of Dr. Charles Augustus Strong and Elizabeth Rockefeller, and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, donated her father's estate, Villa Le Balze, to Georgetown University. The Marquesa's dream was that Villa Le Balze, her childhood home, would forever be a place of learning, in honor of her father, a philosopher, writer, and educator. Today Georgetown University continues to realize this dream by offering students the opportunity to study at the Villa for the fall and/or spring semester(s).

Villa Le Balze, a renaissance-style estate of breathtaking beauty, is located in Fiesole, a small town in the Tuscan hills, overlooking the valley of Florence. The Villa rests on three acres of land with formal gardens and olive groves, and offers a truly extraordinary view of Florence, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and the birthplace of the Renaissance.

### ACADEMICS

A unique aspect of the academic program at the Villa Le Balze is its interdisciplinary course of studies focusing on Italian Civilization. Courses are offered in various aspects of Italian history and culture. All courses are taught in English, with the exception of the Italian language courses. A background in Italian, though not required, is highly recommended.

The Villa Program is accessible to students from all faculties and departments who wish to expand their academic curricula and enrich their cultural experience. Access to the program is subject to an admissions process. Up to eighteen credits may be awarded by Georgetown University and, with prior approval from the student's dean, fulfill requirements for the degree and, where appropriate, for the major. Grades transfer into the grade point average for Georgetown students. The Villa Le Balze program also welcomes students from other American universities and colleges.

The small size of most classes and the intensive contact with professors create the appropriate environment for intellectual exchange and for the pursuit of personal cultural interests. The teaching philosophy of the program encourages cultural immersion and individual research projects. Most of the professors, though of different nationalities, live in Italy. Therefore the professors are all well acquainted with the country and are able to introduce the students to the complexities of its culture and traditions.

# GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S VILLA LE BALZE IN *Fiesole, Italy* Academic Year 2007-2008

All Villa Le Balze students are required to take at least four classes, and most take five for a total of eighteen credits. Two of these courses are mandatory: *Italian language offered at various levels, and Art History*. Students are also offered a choice of three out of four other courses offered. The course offerings vary according to the semester and include: *Contemporary Italian Politics and Society, Italian Cinema, Italian History, and Modern Italian Literature*.

Classes are held Mondays through Thursdays, leaving Fridays free for activities and traveling. Frequent classes on site offer students the chance to visit with their professors the most important Florentine monuments and museums. The professors also accompany the students on occasional field trips to cities such as Venice, Rome, Siena, Naples and San Gimignano. These field trips, which take place during the weekends, are considered an integrating part of the courses. They also allow students to observe the different traditions and realities of the Italian regions, and to expand their cultural and mental horizon beyond Florence.

### STUDENT LIFE

Students accepted into the Villa program may live either with an Italian family or at the Villa.

Living with an Italian family offers students the opportunity to improve their language skills and to understand the Italian way of life. The Director of the Villa personally selects each family, taking into consideration the student's eating habits, allergies, hobbies and personal interests. The family provides two meals a day (breakfast and dinner, lunch is held for everyone at the Villa) every day from Sunday to Friday. On Saturdays only breakfast is provided so as to enable students to travel. The families live close by the Fiesole bus route, and students are given a monthly bus pass.

Students who choose to live at the Villa are placed in double or triple rooms. All bedrooms are beautifully appointed and overlook Florence or the Villa's gardens. All meals are provided except for Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch, so as to enable students to travel on the weekends. Meals are served in the buffet style and are an important part of the community life at the Villa.



At this time, announcements are made, guests are introduced to the group, and information is exchanged. The two cooks provide a varied menu of delicious Italian foods, and often the faculty joins the students for "pranzo" in an effort to get to know one another in an informal



setting. Sometimes special visitors are invited to address the students on an issue of interest.

The Villa is run like a large household. The house and garden staff keep it and the grounds neat and clean, but the students are made to feel that it is their home too, and are made responsible for its general upkeep. Much of the success of the Villa program relies on the single student's managing personal and academic growth with courteous and constructive participation in the Villa community.

### COSTS

The cost of tuition for the Villa Le Balze program, for students living at the Villa or with a family, will be the same as the tuition on Georgetown's main campus for full-time undergraduates. The cost of room and board at the Villa will be approximately the same as it is on the main campus. Additional costs (such as airfare and personal travel) are at the expense of the student. Although work study opportunities are not available at the Villa, financial aid may be applied.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants must fill out the form on the following page, and submit it, along with a copy of their most recent transcript, two letters of recommendation, and a carefully written two-page, double-spaced, essay and a list of extracurricular activities including jobs to: Villa Le Balze Programs, 1437 37th Street, NW, Poulton Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057-1013. **ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 9, 2007.**

### VIDEO PRESENTATION/ GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 2006, 6:00 PM  
Intercultural Center Auditorium (Georgetown University)

For more information, call (202) 687-5484, email [villainfo@georgetown.edu](mailto:villainfo@georgetown.edu), or visit our web site:

[www.villalebalze.org](http://www.villalebalze.org).

Please print clearly in either blue or black ink

**VILLA LE BALZE PROGRAM**  
Fall 2007 and/or Spring 2008  
Application Form (due February 9, 2007)  
NO STAPLES PLEASE



Name \_\_\_\_\_

SS # \_\_\_\_\_ GoCard # \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M F Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the Villa Le Balze Program for which you are applying:

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Year \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2007 semester only

\_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2008 semester only

Current mailing address, (please include box number):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (including cell phone if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

School and year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names and Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Home Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Work Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving financial aid? Yes No

Languages Studied: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you traveled abroad? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Students may apply to live either at the Villa or with an Italian family (students may also apply to live at the Villa in the fall, and with a family in the spring). Would you prefer to live at the Villa or with a family? \_\_\_\_\_

*NB: The Admissions Committee reserves the right to accept students to live at the Villa or with a family based on qualifications of the student and availability of spaces.*

Do you know anyone who has been on the Villa program? If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you applying to any other study abroad programs? If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE (Including the Villa):

1) \_\_\_ *Check one:* Full Year 2007-08 Fall 07 Spring 08

2) \_\_\_ *Check one:* Full Year 2007-08 Fall 07 Spring 08

3) \_\_\_ *Check one:* Full Year 2007-08 Fall 07 Spring 08

Are you applying for a split year abroad? YES NO

### DECANAL APPROVAL

Applicants to the Villa Le Balze program **must** declare a major at the time of application (except if they are in Georgetown's McDonough School of Business). Declaration of major forms are available in the deans' offices.

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Eighteen credits are awarded by Georgetown University and, with approval from the student's dean and department advisor, fulfill requirements for the degree, and, where appropriate, for the major. Grades are transferred into the student's GPA for Georgetown students. Please obtain approval signatures:

I approve Georgetown University's Villa Le Balze program course(s)\* for transfer to meet the following major requirements:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON OR ADVISOR)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ACADEMIC DEAN)

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR NON-GEORGETOWN STUDENTS

If you are not a Georgetown student, what school are you attending, or what was the last school you attended? \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Those participants who plan to transfer credits from the Georgetown University semester program to another academic institution must have the bottom section of this application form completed by their dean or registrar. This procedure is necessary to ensure that students' courses through Georgetown can be counted towards requirements for graduation at the home institution.

I \_\_\_\_\_ do wish to transfer GU credits to my regular university/college.

I \_\_\_\_\_ do not wish to transfer GU credits to my regular university/college.