

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 course (Georgetown University's summer course in literature and writing) to transfer to this institution.

Lowest grade acceptable for transfer of credits: _____

Institution: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

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

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 Support for your participation in your overseas program may be withdrawn if you fail to report such information to your Dean and the Villa le Balze Programs Office. In addition, an application may be rejected or support withdrawn for reasons including, but not limited to the following: failure in a course; dramatic drop in current or cumulative GPA; failure to meet conditional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 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) A short, (3-5 page), writing sample
- 6) The appropriate signatures of approval
- 7) A photo of the applicant attached to the application form

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR SUMMER 2007 MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 16, 2007 to:

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

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“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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PLEASE POST

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S
VILLA LE BALZE

IN
Fiesole, Italy

SUMMER 2007





READING AND WRITING ITALY

During the summer of 2007, Georgetown University will offer a six-credit course at Villa Le Balze, its study center in Fiesole, Italy, just outside of Florence. Taught in English by Professor Paul Cardaci, who taught writing and European literature at Georgetown for thirty-two years and who has spent four semesters as faculty-in-residence at the Villa, this unique program now in its twelfth year provides students an opportunity to explore some of the richness of Italian culture.

During the session, students will reside at the Villa, a Renaissance-style estate located in Fiesole, a historic hilltown about thirty minutes by bus from the center of Florence. Villa Le Balze was donated to Georgetown in 1979 and rests on three acres of land containing formal gardens and olive groves and offering a breathtaking view of Florence. Since only about twenty students can live at the Villa at any one time, the program allows a select community of students to study together and learn from one another, as they experience a culture rich in history, art, and literature.

The program, which counts as two three-credit English courses, combines literature, writing, travel and cultural studies. Among several major works students read and discuss are Barbara Grizzuti Harrison's *ITALIAN DAYS*, an account of the writer's year-long travels through Italy in her search for "home"; and Giuseppe Di Lampedusa's novel *THE LEOPARD*, a novel about the Risorgimento, the movement that resulted in Italian unification in 1860. In addition, students will also attend several lectures on the art and architecture of Florence and on contemporary Italian society.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S VILLA LE BALZE IN *Fiesole, Italy* JUNE 15 - JULY 14, 2007

Lectures and workshops meet for three hours each day, Monday through Thursday either in a classroom, the Villa library, the Villa gardens, or in Florence itself. Because students learn together as a community, during class they will be asked to share ideas about literature and culture. In writing workshops emphasis is placed on developing creative as well as analytic writing skills.

In addition to classes, students are asked to keep journals which they use as cameras when they explore the richness and uniqueness of Florentine culture. Initially they visit some of Florence's better-known art and religious treasures, but as they become better acquainted with the city, they are encouraged to search out and write on what fascinates them.

In the evenings students enjoy conversation over lengthy meals and sample the delights of "la cucina italiana," one of the many pleasures of living at the Villa. At least one evening a week, they view current films on Italy, its lifestyle and culture. A poetry reading and workshop as well as an evening of wine-tasting are also scheduled.

Two overnight trips on weekends are also planned as part of the program. One trip will, from June 22-24, will be to San Gimignano, the most famous hilltown in Tuscany, and to Siena, the Tuscan city that once rivaled Florence and is thought by some to be even more beautiful. The other trip, from July 6-8, will be to "Cinque Terre," five remote fishing villages nestled on cliffs overlooking the Ligurian sea. Here students will have a chance to swim, to hike, and to become acquainted with the simpler lifestyle of the Italian village. Trips are included in tuition costs.



A primary reason for this unique program is to offer students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to study abroad the chance to live in and explore a culture other than their own. Equally important is the shared learning experiences students enjoy at the Villa, as they live and study together in a small, closely-knit community. Finally, working together with Professor Cardaci, students have the opportunity to improve their critical reading skills and develop their creative and analytic writing potential as well. As a final project, students are required to share a major piece of writing, which might be a personal or travel essay, a short story, a group of poems, or an analytic essay on Florentine art, architecture or society.

PROGRAM COSTS

The costs of the program, including tuition for six credits, room and board at Villa Le Balze, museum fees and two overnight trips, is \$ 5,195.00. Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from Italy.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

While ideally suited for students interested in the Italian language and culture, the program is open to all **undergraduate** students with a serious interest in writing and in literature. Interested applicants must fill out the application form on the following page, and submit it, along with a copy of their most recent transcript, two letters of recommendation, a carefully written essay and list of extra-curricular activities, to: Villa Le Balze Programs, 1421 37th Street, N.W., Poulton Hall, 2nd floor, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057-1013. The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday, March 16, 2007**.

VIDEO PRESENTATION AND 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, or visit our web site:
www.villalebalze.org

Please print clearly in either blue or black ink

Georgetown University
Villa Le Balze Program (Florence, Italy)
Summer 2007
Application Form (due March 16, 2007)
NO STAPLES PLEASE



Name _____

SS # _____ GoCard # _____

Sex: M F Date of Birth _____

School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Current mailing address, (please include box number):

Until What Date: _____

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? _____

Do you know anyone who has been on a Villa program? If yes, who?

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Letter 1: _____

Professor Department

Letter 2: _____

Professor Department

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

LIST IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE (Including the Villa):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

DECANAL APPROVAL FOR GEORGETOWN STUDENTS:

Major(s): _____ Faculty advisor: _____

Minor(s) (if applicable): _____

Six 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 summer session 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' summer courses through Georgetown can be counted towards requirements for graduation at the home institution.

To be completed by non-Georgetown students (please check):

I _____ do wish to transfer GU summer credits to my regular university/college.

I _____ do not wish to transfer GU summer credits to my regular university/college.