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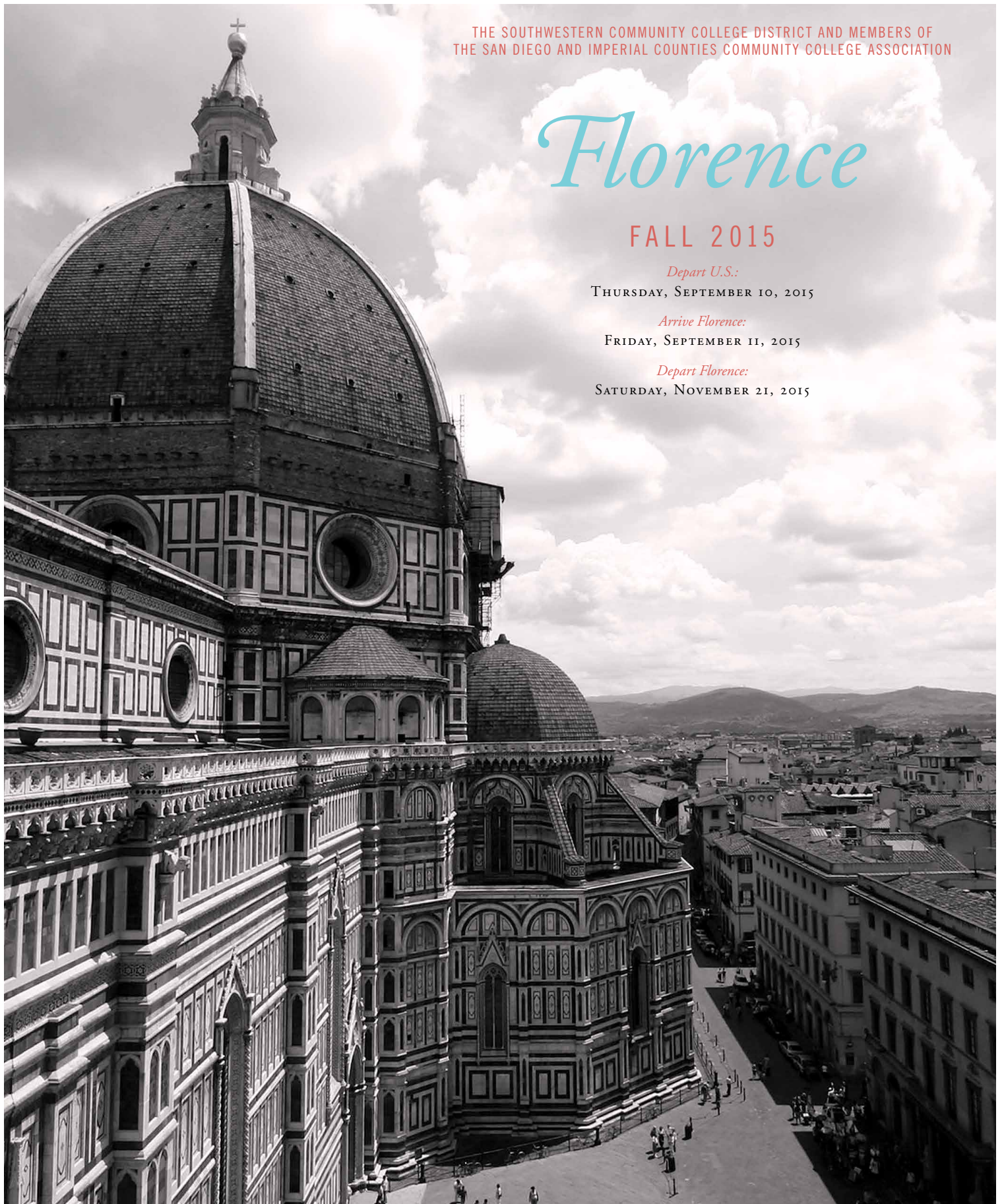
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

Arrive Florence:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

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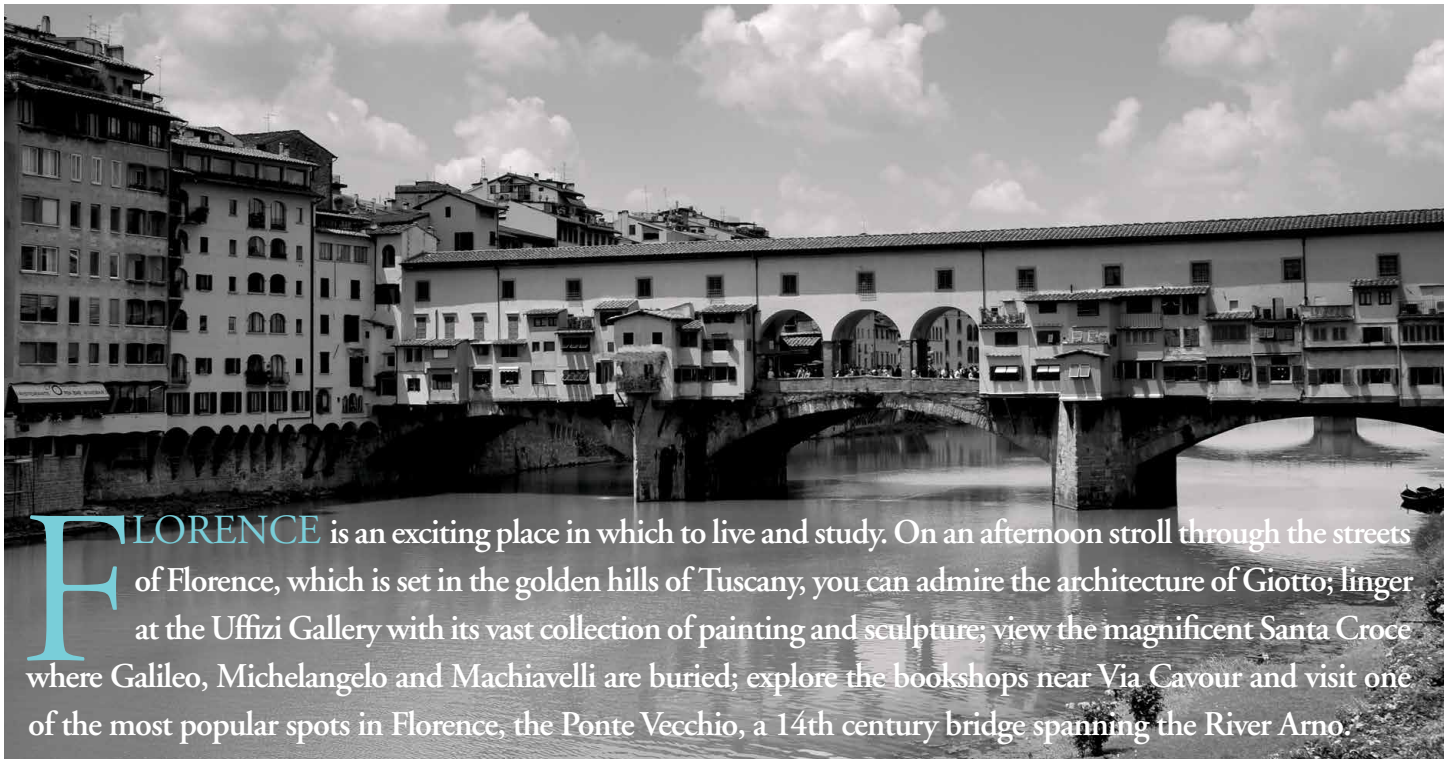
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FLORENCE is an exciting place in which to live and study. On an afternoon stroll through the streets of Florence, which is set in the golden hills of Tuscany, you can admire the architecture of Giotto; linger at the Uffizi Gallery with its vast collection of painting and sculpture; view the magnificent Santa Croce where Galileo, Michelangelo and Machiavelli are buried; explore the bookshops near Via Cavour and visit one of the most popular spots in Florence, the Ponte Vecchio, a 14th century bridge spanning the River Arno.

INCLUDED

- Transportation package consisting of round-trip airfare and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the housing in Florence but excluding mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (estimated at \$660 and subject to change) for which students will be billed separately.
- Housing in fully furnished self-catering apartments located in the Historical Center of Florence. Typically four students will share a two-bedroom apartment.
- Orientation program in Florence including an orientation seminar with AIFS staff, information packet, welcome reception and half-day guided sightseeing tour of Florence.
- Museum pass for the duration of the program giving unlimited free entry to the following museums: Uffizi, Bargello, Accademia, Palazzo Pitti, San Marco Museum, Boboli Gardens, Medici Chapel, Cenacolo di Sant'Andrea del Sarto, Giardino della Villa Medicea di Castello, Villa Medicea di Poggio a Caiano and Villa Medicea della Patraia.
- Full-day guided excursion to Siena and San Gimignano including round-trip transportation by private bus and entrances.
- Weekly program of subsidized cultural activities such as cooking classes, wine tasting, concerts, opera, soccer matches and additional museum visits.
- Access to the free wireless network and computers at the AIFS Study Center plus wireless access in the apartments (where possible).
- Mandatory Italian Police registration fees.
- Farewell dinner.

- Access to the AIFS Student Center and the services of the AIFS program coordinator for information, personal advising/counseling and 24-hour emergency contact service.
- \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- Student medical and program fee refund insurance policies.

FEES

Based on an enrollment of 25–29 participants, the fee per person is \$7,245.

This fee excludes a \$250 refundable damage deposit; optional medical insurance upgrade (\$65) and optional personal effects coverage (\$90); mandatory additional U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges on airfare; passport or visa fees if applicable; meals other than those indicated on the itinerary; personal expenses; any Southwestern Community College District tuition or administrative fees; textbooks; additional field trips or excursions required by the Southwestern Community College District faculty and anything not specified.

Students also have the option of purchasing a package of 25 meal vouchers for use in selected restaurants and trattoria in Florence for either lunch or dinner for a fee of \$495.

These fees are guaranteed not to change as a result of fluctuations in the \$ exchange rate.

OPTIONAL ROME EXCURSION

An optional 3-day, 2-night excursion to Rome will be offered, including round-trip transportation, hotel ac-

commodation with daily continental breakfast, guided tours of the Vatican Museums and Ancient Rome, and the services of an AIFS representative for the duration of the trip. The fee for the tour is \$545, based on a minimum of 15 participants.

FACULTY

Professor Carla Kirkwood, Ph.D.

Dr. Carla Kirkwood is an artist/educator who has traveled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Professor Kirkwood completed her PhD at the University of California at San Diego (UCSD), in Theatre and Dance. She earned her MFA at the University of Leeds, in England, with an emphasis in global performance practices. She holds a graduate diploma in performance studies from the Central Drama Academy, in Beijing, China, and is fluent in Chinese. Her work in television has earned her three EMMY awards, and she is the recipient of five National Endowment for the Arts grants. Carla has been on faculty at UCSD, Smith College and at Southwestern College, where she has taught for twenty-four years. Professor Kirkwood has previously taught cinema, theatre and humanities in the cities of Madrid, Seville, Barcelona, Florence, Beijing and Shanghai.

Renee St. Louis

Renee is a native Californian and a first-generation college graduate. She earned a number of academic scholarships to help pay for college but still needed to work full-time while pursuing her education. This experience taught Renee empathy and compassion for students and the difficulties they face. Through her love of reading, Renee came to love and to know other places in the world but admits that she has learned as much from meeting people from different

cultures, whose lives are very different from her own, as she has through reading. She has been on faculty at Southwestern College since 2005, and also teaches at National University and previously at UCSD. As an educator, her aim is to provide the opportunity for students to think, read, write, discuss, and revise the ideas and assumptions that shape their lives. Renee prizes individuality, humor, creativity and passion, all of which are best developed and expressed through dedication, wide experience and hard work. She believes that a class in which students talk, laugh, and think freely is a class in which we all stand to learn. Away from school, Renee is a food blogger, an endurance runner, a veterans and civil rights advocate, an occasional television critic, and a hopeless addict of YouTube videos in which people try unfamiliar foods from other cultures.

Marina Laneri Schroeder

Marina Laneri Schroeder is an adjunct professor of Italian and Spanish at Southwestern College. She graduated from SDSU with a Master's in Spanish Linguistics and earned a Master's degree in the Teaching of Italian as a Foreign Language from the Ca' Foscari University in Venice. Marina's teaching philosophy is based on a fundamentally optimistic view. She believes that all students, with the help of the right tools, will be able to overcome any difficulties that the study of a foreign language might present. Marina supports an inclusive learning environment where diversity and individual differences are understood, respected, appreciated, and recognized as a source of strength. She is a citizen of the world and has traveled extensively in order to engage different cultures and stimulate interest in Italian customs and culture. Marina is eager for community college students to have the opportunity to explore the field of Italian Studies in Florence. As an Italian Instructor, she can think of no better place than Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance, to go on a culturally enriched language adventure. Marina is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with students in Florence and to expose them to the richness that studying abroad has to offer. See you in Florence!

COURSES

All students must enroll in at least 12 units with a maximum enrollment of 15 units for this program. Course offerings are subject to change prior to departure.

ART 151

RENAISSANCE TO MODERN 3 UNITS

Professors Vivien Vaughn/Angela Oberer

Transfers to UC, CSU

Surveys a variety of artistic traditions and the history of visual culture production from the Renaissance to present day.

ENGLISH 116

CRITICAL THINKING AND COMPOSITION 3 UNITS

Professor Renee St. Louis

Transfers to UC, CSU

Continued instruction and practice in drafting, revising, and editing expository and argumentative essays, including a research essay.

Prerequisite: English 115 or the equivalent.

ENGLISH 256

SHAKESPEARE

3 UNITS

Professor Renee St. Louis

Transfers to UC, CSU

Provides an introductory survey of representative Shakespearean drama and poetry, with an emphasis on Shakespeare's literary techniques and linguistic art. Emphasis for this program will be Shakespeare's texts, set in Italy.

Recommended preparation: English 115 and 220 or the equivalent, or English 116 or equivalent.

ENGLISH 281

HORROR, MADNESS, AND THE MACABRE 3 UNITS

Professor Renee St. Louis

Transfers to UC, CSU

Surveys classical and contemporary horror literature that includes significant works by major authors of the genre. Emphasis for this course will be on Dante's *Divine Comedy* and the Florentine Blood Feuds. Emphasizes the cultural, historical and social contexts in which the literature is created, and applies modern critical theory as a means explore these concerns.

Recommended preparation: English 115 and 220 or the equivalent, or English 116 or equivalent.

HUMANITIES 104

ARTS AND IDEAS

3 UNITS

Dr. Carla Kirkwood

Transfers to UC, CSU

Covers the period from pre-history to the modern age. Emphasizes an historically-organized, integrated content that analyzes music, visual arts, drama, literature, architecture, philosophy, and history.

HUMANITIES 295*

GLOBAL CULTURES

1 UNIT

Dr. Carla Kirkwood

Transfers to UC, CSU

Examines society from the perspective of art, music, political, familial and religious practices. Focus for this course is Italian culture.

**All students are required to enroll in this course.*

ITALIAN 101

ELEMENTARY ITALIAN I

5 UNITS

Marina Schroeder

Transfers to UC, CSU

ITALIAN 102

ELEMENTARY ITALIAN II

5 UNITS

Marina Schroeder

Transfers to UC, CSU

TELEMEDIA 113/ART 130

3 UNITS

Dr. Kirkwood

(Students can enroll in either Telemedia 113 or Art 130)

Transfers to UC, CSU

Provides a survey of cinema with an emphasis on the chronological development of styles and techniques in the medium of film. Course will include an examination of Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Italian filmmakers.

HOW TO ENROLL

STUDENT SELECTION

The Florence, Italy semester abroad program is open to anyone 18 years or older by the date of departure and who has completed 12 college-level units with a GPA of 2.0 or higher by the end of Spring 2014. Preference is given to students who are attending a SDICCCA consortium member college. Program space is limited. Priority selection criteria include, but are not limited to:

1. Current student enrollment at a SDICCCA consortium member college.
2. Date of completed application forms.
3. Eligibility criteria met at time of departure.
4. Meeting payment deadlines.

PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLMENT

The Southwestern Community College District is the host college for this Study Abroad Program. Students are required to apply for admission, enroll in classes and pay registration and tuition fees at Southwestern College for Fall 2015. Students who apply for financial aid must do so through Southwestern College.

1. Complete Application Form and Student Release Form.
2. Complete the top part of the Student Conduct Release Form, and submit it to your Dean of Student Affairs or your International Education Coordinator.
3. The Dean will complete the bottom part of the Student Conduct Release Form and send it to your campus Study Abroad/International Education Coordinator, or directly to Dr. Kirkwood at Southwestern College.
4. Attach a \$450 deposit check (made payable to AIFS) to the Application Form, and submit it to the Study Abroad/International Education Coordinator at your campus for his/her signature. (Coordinators are listed in this brochure.)

FINANCIAL AID

As Southwestern College is the host College for the Fall 2015 Florence program, all financial aid eligible students, MUST apply for financial aid through Southwestern College. The Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) MUST be completed in order for a student to be evaluated. For detailed information, contact Southwestern College's Financial Aid office.

Southwestern College's school code for FAFSA is 001294.

FINANCIAL AID CONTACT:

Kathy Abara
Financial Aid Advisor
Southwestern College
Phone: 619.421.6700, ext. 5253
Email: kabara@swccd.edu

MEDICAL INSURANCE

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by the Ace American Insurance Company. The policy provides two distinct types of coverage:

1. Before the program begins, AIFS will refund fees paid by students unable to participate on the program because of covered injury or illness or quarantine in a travel area. However, a fee is retained from the amount paid which includes a \$100 processing fee, the \$50 non-refundable application fee and a \$210 insurance premium.
2. Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge limit of \$300. There is a \$50 deductible per incident for medical claims against this policy.

These two categories of insurance are mutually exclusive. That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance also covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss. Full details of the coverage are available on the AIFS portal and website.

OPTIONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE UPGRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS INSURANCE

A *medical insurance upgrade* provides a maximum \$250,000 per sickness or accident with a daily hospital charge of \$300 (\$50 deductible for each accident or illness). Optional *personal effects insurance* covers loss or theft up to \$2,500, subject to a maximum \$100 per item (\$500 for electronic devices) and a deductible of \$100 per incident. Students are advised to arrange additional insurance for special items. Expensive or irreplaceable items should be left at home.

AIFS REFUND POLICY

All notification of withdrawal must be made in writing via fax or certified mail to: Registrar, Partnership Programs, AIFS College Division, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905. The fax number is 203.399.5597. Postmark date or date of fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal. *All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.*

If a student's application is not accepted by AIFS, a refund of all payments is made, less the \$50 non-refundable application fee and any non-refundable deposits paid by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf. If a student withdraws on or before Wednesday, June 17, 2015, a full refund will be made less \$150, including the \$50 non-refundable application fee, plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student withdraws after Wednesday, June 17, 2015, but on or before Friday, July 17, 2015, for any reason except medical covered by the AIFS Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, the \$450 deposit fee is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student is forced to withdraw from the program because of covered medical reasons after final fees have been paid but before departure, a refund will be made through the Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, less a \$100 processing fee, the \$50 non-refundable application fee and the \$210 insurance premium. The policy requires written proof of medical reasons provided by your physician.

Students withdrawing voluntarily for any reason after Friday, July 17, 2015, including withdrawals because of medical reasons not covered under the medical refund policy, receive no refund of fees paid unless they are able to provide a qualified replacement. In this case, they receive a full refund of all payments made less the \$150 processing and cancellation fee and any non-refundable deposits. Replacement students must pay in full at the time of application. Flights cannot be arranged for replacement students applying after Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Italy requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

DEADLINE TO APPLY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GROUP FLIGHT IS WEEKDAY, MONTH DAY, 2015.

AREA COLLEGE CONTACTS

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MIRAMAR COLLEGE

Students at Miramar College are strongly encouraged to apply! For more information and application materials, please contact: Dr. Carla Kirkwood in the International Studies Office at Southwestern College, at IPGlobal@swccd.edu, or call 619.482.6504.

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