

**Official Transcript**  
**Boston College's Global Proficiency Program**

**Matthew D'Orsi**

**I. International Experience:**

**Scuola D'Italiano, Rome, Italy**

*June 2005 – August 2005*

- Attended intensive Italian courses, twenty hours per week
- Lived in Rome, traveled to Florence, Venice, Siena, Pisa, Naples, Assisi, and Capri

**Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

*July 2004 – December 2004*

- Attended 3 college courses taught in Spanish
- Attended advanced Italian classes (three hours per week)
- Lived with host family in Belgrano, a suburb of Buenos Aires
- Traveled throughout Argentina and Uruguay

**II. Academic Component: Major: *International Studies***

**Minor: *Hispanic Studies***

Languages: Fluent in Spanish and Italian

- 2 college courses in Italian
- 6 college courses in Spanish

Humanities Courses:

- Language in Society
- Comparative Development of Romance Languages
- Contextos: Intensive Spanish Writing Seminar
- Don Quixote
- Intensive Elementary & Advanced Italian
- Ethics, Religion, and International Politics

Social Science, Business, Education Courses:

- Politics and Society of Central Eurasia
- Politics and Society of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Argentina
- Introduction to International Studies
- International Politics of Europe
- East Asian Security
- Comparative Politics of Democratization
- Research Methods in International Studies

**III. Co-curricular Activities:**

**Activity 1: Participant, International Diplomacy Mission to Brazil**

*June 4, 2003 – June 22, 2003*

- Description: Traveled to Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro, and the Amazon rainforest; Visited professors and Brazilian diplomats at Rio Branco diplomacy school in Brasilia; Met with government officials and American diplomats at Congress building in Rio de Janeiro; Visited centers for sustainable development in the Amazon Rainforest.
- Skills: Utilized communication skills and gained pertinent information towards a prospective career in diplomacy.
- Time Commitment: All-day commitment for 2 ½ weeks.

**Activity 2: International Assistant, Office of International Students and Scholars**

*August 2003 – May 2006*

- Description: Served as peer contact / orientation leader for incoming international students. Helped students acclimate to the college climate as well as the greater Boston area. Served as a member of the Steering Committee to select new International Assistants during the 2003-2004 and 2005-2006 terms.
- Skills: Utilized intercultural communication skills and knowledge of Boston College and surrounding community. Demonstrated leadership, organizational, and event-planning skills.
- Time Commitment: 1–2 hours per week for 3 years, seven-day training/orientation each year.

**Activity 3: Research Assistant, Romance Languages and Literatures Department**

*February 2004 – June 2006*

- Description: Helped translate documents between English, Italian, and Spanish; worked with an editor to compose an anthology of Latin American poetry and prose; converted Argentinean literary magazine "XUL" into .PDF format for internet access, which requires use of OCR recognition computer programs to proofread texts in Spanish and Italian.
- Skills: Utilized knowledge of Spanish and Italian to translate and proofread texts. Also required editing and computer literacy skills, particularly with programs like Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, OCRReader, and ABBYY.
- Time Commitment: 100 hours per semester for four semesters

**Service Project: Participant, International Service Trip to Dominican Republic**

*May 2004 – June 2004*

- Description: Lived with the local community and taught reading, mathematics, and science to classes of second-graders at the *Fey Alegria School* in Baní. Also visited lectures with social justice activists from local Jesuit institutions in Santo Domingo.
- Skills: Utilized Spanish, organizational, and teaching skills.
- Time Commitment: All-day commitment for 2 ½ weeks.

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