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**MILAN**

Located three hours from Florence and Veneto and four hours from Rome, Milan is a pivotal position between southern Italy and northeastern Europe. Situated near the country's Lake District, Milan has been a commercial, industrial, and cultural crossroads throughout history and is widely known as a world capital of fashion and design. Home to historic treasures such as the world's fourth largest church, Il Duomo, da Vinci's The Last Supper, and Verdi and Toscanini, the city is an elegant and intellectually thriving cosmopolitan city of approximately 1.3 million people. Home to Verdi and Toscanini, the city has a myriad of cultural activities and hosts an open house, museums, palaces, and churches displaying the works of Correggio, Tintoretto, Vincenzo, and van Duyck. Also known for its rich culinary history, Parma is responsible for such delights as Parmigiano cheese and Prosciutto. The city was recently appointed as the seat of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

The Program

The BC program in Parma offers a distinct International Business degree with Italian language proficiency. Students possess advanced Italian skills take courses at the University of Parma, while students with little or no Italian take courses at the Istituto Dante Alighieri. All BC students are required to take an early start art history course in Florence, an Italian language class, and a History of Parma course during the semester. Students have the opportunity to study both Italian and other disciplines at the Parma University.

Program Highlights

- Ideal for students with little or no Italian proficiency
- BC-sponsored History of Parma course which includes field trips
- English-taught courses led by University of Parma faculty

**PARMA**

Located in northern Italy, with easy access to other Italian cities and European destinations, Parma is an elegant and intellectually thriving cosmopolitan city of approximately 1.3 million people. Home to Verdi and Toscanini, the city has a myriad of cultural activities and hosts an open house, museums, palaces, and churches displaying the works of Correggio, Tintoretto, Vincenzo, and van Duyck. Known for its rich culinary history, Parma is responsible for such delights as Parmigiano cheese and Prosciutto. The city was recently appointed as the seat of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

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Program Highlights

- Non-credit internships available
- Option to partake in tandem language-exchange program

**VENICE**

Known as the “Queen of the Adriatic,” Venice is situated in northeastern Italy and was once the hub of Europe’s maritime trade and center of commerce. Composed of 118 islands in the Venetian Lagoon, historic and beautiful Venice has about 150 canals and 400 bridges and is a leading site of the world-renowned Biennale di San Marco. The city is home to many historic palaces and churches, the world’s oldest film festival, a contemporary arts festival, and the famous Carnevale celebration.

The Program

As an international center for higher education and research, Venice International University (VIU) offers BC students a unique educational experience. VIU is a consortium of ten distinguished universities from around the world, which Boston College joined in 2006. A community of students from around the world, which Boston College joined in 2006. A community of students from around the world, which Boston College joined in 2006. A community of students from around the world, which Boston College joined in 2006. A community of students from around the world, which Boston College joined in 2006.

Program Highlights

- Curriculum which emphasizes the humanities and social sciences
- BC faculty member in residence who teaches one course each semester
- Events include guest seminars, tours, cooking classes, and sports activities
- Option to partake in tandem language-exchange program

In addition to these BC programs, students also have the choice to enroll in approved external programs. For details visit www.bc.edu/international.
PARMA
Located in central Italy, relatively easy access to other Italian cities and European destinations, Parma is an elegant and intellectually thriving cosmopolis of approximately 150,000 people. Home to Verdi and Toscanini, the city has a variety of cultural activities and boasts an open house, museums, palaces, and churches displaying the works of Correggio, Tintoretto, Veronese, and Van der Wyck. Also known for its rich culinary history, Parma is recognized for such delights as Parmigiano cheese and Prosciutto. The city was recently appointed as the seat of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

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University of Parma (PRA)
Established in 1902, Bocconi University was one of the first Italian universities to grant a degree in Economics. The university is considered one of Europe’s top institutions for the study of business and economics and one of the best business schools in the world. Committed to education with a global perspective, Bocconi University offers institutions for the study of business and economics and one of the best business schools in the world. Committed to education with a global perspective, Bocconi University offers a variety of courses in English and annually hosts a number of exchange students from around the world. BC students are fully immersed in university courses and life, and are housed in various residences or on-campus apartments.

Program Highlights
- Ideal location for students interested in business and economics
- Pre-semester intensive Italian language program
- Internships available after the study abroad experience

Suggested courses at the Istituto Dante Alighieri include a variety of courses in English and are housed in various residences or in homestay programs. BC students are fully immersed in university courses and life, and are housed in various residences or on-campus apartments.

Program Highlights
- Ideal for students interested in Italian language and culture
- BC-sponsored History of Parma course
- English-taught courses led by University of Parma faculty

Istituto Dante Alighieri (ITA)
Founded in 1932, the mission of the Istituto Dante Alighieri is to teach and propagate Italian language throughout the world, organized by the Italian Ministry of Public Education and acclaimed in Italy and beyond, the institute offers language courses at all levels which are taught by highly qualified and experienced staff. BC students with little or no background in Italian have the unique opportunity to study both Italian and other disciplines at the Parma facilities.

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University of Venice (PUP)
The Program
Founded in 1872, the oldest of the oldest universities in Europe. Today almost 30,000 students are enrolled in the University of Venice. The main campus, located within the medieval walls of the city, is connected by an extensive network of public transport and is the site of the world-renowned Biennale of Venice. The city is home to many historic palaces and churches, the world’s oldest film festival, a contemporary arts festival, and the famous carnival celebration.

Program Highlights
- Option to participate in tandem language-exchange program
- Field trips led by member institution faculty, allowing students an opportunity to learn in a truly global setting.
Located three hours from Florence and Venezia, Milan is the city where the fashion and design industry meets history and art. Home to the world’s first university, Milan was a commercial, industrial, and cultural crossroads throughout history and is widely known as a world capital of fashion and design. Home to historic attractions such as the Duomo, La Scala opera house, and the famed opera house La Scala, Milan is a modern city which continues to reinvent itself.

**Programs in Milan**

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- Option to parake a tailor made language-exchange program

**In-Parma Program**

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**University of Parma**

Dating back to the tenth century, the University of Parma is one of the oldest universities in Europe. Today almost 30,000 students study at the University of Parma, which offers a variety of courses in English and annually hosts approximately 1000 foreign exchange students from around the world. BC students are fully integrated into university courses and life, and are housed in various residences or in Off-campus apartments.

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