

# The Italian City

Summer 2024

Across four weeks this Global Education program will use cities to narrate a cultural history of the region, and history to unlock the communal and individual pasts of an Italian city: Bologna.

In this course, we will study the history of the Italian city to examine how it has acted as a crucible for the production of economic and intellectual exchange, political and artistic experimentation, scientific breakthroughs, and richly layered forms of cultural identity.

The site of the oldest European university, and one of the oldest laws abolishing slavery, Bologna's medieval past is made palpable with every portico yet it also houses a bustling 21st-century economy, with vivid traces of all the epochs in between. We will then see how Bologna relates to this larger story by studying a few exemplary Bolognese people (both native-born and transplants) and exploring the city together. While studying texts and films that strongly engage with urban spaces and themes (short stories, plays, movies, detective novels) to consolidate our understanding of the Italian city and ask new questions about the relationship between city and cultural identity. We will conclude each of the first three weeks with day trips to other cities.

**When:** May 4, 2024 - June 1, 2024

**Credit:** 3 hrs -Italian 3798

**Program Cost:** \$3978 plus Ohio State tuition & fees

**Application Deadline:** January 9, 2024

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