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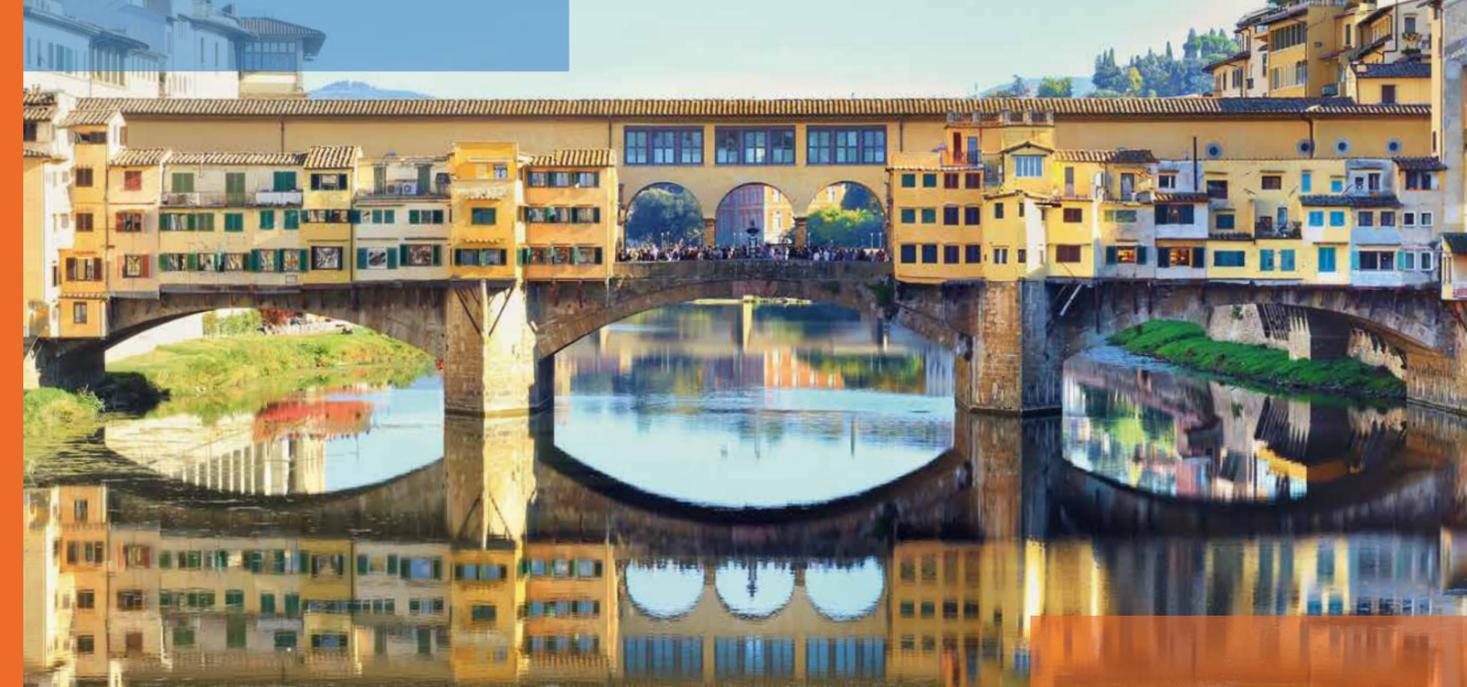
The Accademia Europea di Firenze logo has been recently redesigned, for both readability and conceptual reasons.

The complex shape of the Duomo design inscribed in the square and circle in the Vitruvian Man by Leonardo da Vinci has been simplified, and the lettering has been made cleaner. To reinforce the concept of harmony, we used the proportions of the golden section and replaced the elements of the logo accordingly.

The final logo is more readable, more suitable for current forms of communication and above all is based on the concept of harmony, hub of the Renaissance culture, born and developed in Florence. What a young person expects to find amongst the architectural and pictorial beauties in Italy, that Accademia Europea di Firenze commits to transmitting to its' students.



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Scuola Internazionale delle Arti e della Cultura Italiana



Accademia Europea di Firenze

Accademia Europea di Firenze (AEF) is Florence's International School of Arts and Italian Culture. Located in the heart of the city, it hosts a community of students, professionals, faculty and staff, promoting a unique inspiring environment. Students from all over the world share classes and activities combining academic excellence, cultural immersion and experiential learning.

AEF ACADEMIC OFFERING

AEF offers Italian Language and Culture Courses, three-year Certificate Programs, Joint Academic Programs developed in collaboration with institutions of higher education all over the world and Study Abroad Programs for the most prestigious American colleges and universities.

Founded in 2005 as an Italian Language School, AEF has over time expanded its educational offer to the Italian Arts and Culture and to the Liberal and Performing Arts. Our goal is to transmit skills and passion, through a strongly experiential learning method. Each course includes classes, on-site lessons and extracurricular activities such as visits, trips and artistic performances, in a combination of academic excellence and cultural immersion. Florence, a place of inexhaustible inspiration for tourists and travelers, becomes the campus through which AEF students live, study and learn every day.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN VOICE&OPERA, DRAWING&PAINTING AND DANCE

These three-year programs are designed for students and professionals wishing to acquire specialized training for their future careers: artists, musicians and all performers are encouraged to practice their art in a professional environment, because AEF is not just a school but, rather, a community of artists.



SEMESTER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND "CILS" EXAM

AEF is authorized by the University of Siena (Università per Stranieri di Siena – Ateneo internazionale) as an Exam Center for the CILS Certificate in Italy (Certificate of Italian as a second language); an official qualification, recognized worldwide. AEF offers a specific Preparation Course for the CILS Exam that is held during the weeks prior to the CILS examination dates in June and December.

AEF STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

AEF offers Study Abroad Programs in Fine Arts, Performing Arts and Italian Culture: the school welcomes students from all over the world for Short Terms, Semesters and Academic Years in all the seasons of the year: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

JOINT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The AEF Academic Office creates and develops Joint Academic Programs in collaboration with individual institutions and according to their academic standards in subjects related to the Italian culture and history, such as Architecture, Music, Political Science among others.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

AEF courses comply with both European Higher Education guidelines (Bologna Process) and American College and University standards. Course workload is expressed in U.S. semester hours and their equivalent ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System) in syllabi, academic transcripts and attendance certificates.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Every academic year, AEF welcomes students from more than 41 different countries from North and South America, Asia, Europe, Africa, Oceania, who share classes and experiences in an international environment in the heart of the capital of the arts.

ELON UNIVERSITY: the AEF School of Record

Since 2008, AEF has been a proud partner with Elon University, located in North Carolina, USA and is one of the 4 Elon Centers Abroad, together with Dunedin, London and Shang-



hai. Adhering to the Guidelines of the Forum on Education Abroad, Elon University now serves as the School of Record for AEF. AEF Fine Arts, Performing Arts and Italian Culture course credits are reported on official transcripts from Elon University.

REPUTATION AND ENGAGEMENT: STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING

Founded in 1889, Elon University has built a national reputation as one of the premier student-centered environments for engaged learning. Elon is a leader in global engagement and experiential education, with an emphasis on strong personal relationships between students and their faculty and staff mentors. U.S. News & World Report ranks Elon the #1 Southern master's-level university and recognizes Elon for excellence more often than any other university in the nation for eight academic programs that support student success.

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

AEF's partner institutions in the U.S. include: Elon University, Bay Path College, Cincinnati Conservatoire, Eastern Kentucky University, University of Chapel Hill North Carolina, University of Central Missouri, Washington University in Saint Louis, Western Kentucky University and Western New England University; in Brazil: Laureate International Universities (UNIFG and UNIFACS), Universidade Paulista, Centro Universitário Ítalo Brasileiro; in Mexico: Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Universidad de las Américas Puebla.

WHY AEF, WHY FLORENCE

What better place to find inspiration than the birthplace of the Renaissance? This unique city has always inspired creativity: Galileo, Leonardo, Machiavelli, Brunelleschi, Dante and Donatello are just some of the artists and visionaries who stepped on the same streets where our students walk and learn every day. In this city, even a cooking class is part of a cultural experience. Simply, Florence is the place where experiential learning becomes true: students are immersed in the environment of their study, and experience the city not as tourists but as Florentines.

FLORENCE IS OUR CLASSROOM: TEACHING STYLE

We are proud to call Florence our classroom: over the years AEF has developed a signature style of teaching that cultivates the growth of Study Abroad students inside the classroom and beyond, combining lectures, labs, onsite classes, activities, volunteer work and a very active exhibition/performance schedule in venues throughout the city. With Florence as our classroom, our teaching-learning model focuses on Italian cultural identity through integrated programming of all courses and experiences.

PERFORMANCES AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR TRAINING PROJECT

Our students share classes, ensembles, concerts and are regularly involved in productions and collaborations with the most prestigious cultural institutions of the city. Concerts, ballets, and art exhibitions are but a few of the occasions that AEF makes available for its musicians, dancers and artists.

FACILITIES/LOCATION

Dimensions are important: Florence is a mid-size city, perfect to walk around and our building is situated in the heart of the historical center, in via Cavour 37, between Piazza del Duomo and Piazza San Marco. Our building, Palazzo Niccolini, was home to a famous Italian Thespian who lived and died here in 1861. The building dates back to the 16th century, when this area was the financial headquarters of the Medici family and has recently been refurbished with state-of-the-art technologies, providing a comfortable and inspiring environment, enhanced by beautiful architecture and frescoes.



STUDENT SERVICES/HEALTH & SAFETY

AEF cares about its student community. With 24/7 emergency phone numbers, AEF's Student Life Representative and Directors are trained, experienced, and always available to help and support their students. Aware that Study Abroad is possible only in a healthy and safe environment, AEF adheres to high Quality & International Risk Management standards, implementing Emergency Protocol Procedures compliant with Italian laws and those of its' United States partners, and with students' safety and wellbeing at heart.

