



Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective Students

What type of courses, internships or programs are available?

We offer opportunities for students to study or intern with us throughout the year. In the fall and spring, we have both study abroad and intern abroad programs in Italy, while in the summer, we offer programs in Italy, Japan or Vietnam.

Learn more >

Why should I choose one of your programs?

You will be immersed in a unique environment of constant investigation and discovery by participating in daily Italian life, visiting various neighborhoods, shops, restaurants, and markets.

Courses are richly supplemented by field work, special projects, workshops, excursions, and activities. You will gain valuable skill sets by stepping outside of the familiar “comfort zone” of home, adapting to a new international context. Gustolab International Food Systems and Sustainability gives students everything: guidance, structure, support, knowledge, and fun.

Learn more about our approach.

When do programs begin and end?

Our semester programs last approximately 4 months, whereas the summer programs are usually shorter (1-2 months). To learn more about exact dates of our upcoming programs, **browse our programs >**

Are all classes in English? How much Italian do I need to know?

Our classes are in English. We also offer Italian Language courses for all levels to help you navigate through your study abroad living experience. Visit our **Courses Descriptions page** to see all of our offerings.



How many credits will I earn?

The number of credits you can earn varies based on the program you decide to attend and the number of courses you take. Before applying, students should consult with their home institution about credit recognition and transfer procedures and requirements for study abroad. Gustolab International will assist students in this process by working with the home institution to facilitate credit recognition. [Learn more](#)

What documents will I receive after successful completion of the courses?

Students will receive an electronic Record of Study from GLi at no additional cost. Transcripts may be available from Portland State University, Gustolab International's School of Record for an additional fee. Remember to always consult with your home institution about credit transfer requirements and procedures.

Learn more >

What are the costs?

Costs differ based on the program you select. Visit our **Tuition and Fees** page to compare all the options.

Do you offer scholarships?

We sometimes offer a limited number of scholarships. We can also work with your home institution to facilitate the use of grants or scholarships. **Learn more** >

How can I contact you?

Fill out a short form to get in touch with our staff.

Application Process

How can I start the application process?

You can use the 'Request an application' button at the top of this page or **click here** >

What are the application deadlines?



Recommended deadlines are:

- February 15 for Summer applications
- March 15 for Fall applications
- October 15 for Spring applications

You will find updated and extended deadlines on the program pages.

Applicants are encouraged to apply by the recommended deadline, as there are several advantages to doing so including: receipt of an admissions decision early enough to allow for sufficient travel planning time to save on airline tickets, and sufficient visa processing time for international students.

What is the application process?

You can find information about the application process on our **Eligibility and application page** >

Who is eligible to apply to the program?

Our programs are open to students from all fields of study. Graduate students, scholars & professionals are also welcome to apply. Learn more.

Planning to study abroad

Is housing included in your programs?

All our programs include housing accommodations. Locations are in nearby residential areas to encourage students to integrate into the local community. All accommodations are within walking or commuting distance of the school.

Find out more about accommodations >

Do I need a visa? What should I do to get one?

Visit our **Visa & Permits page** to learn if you need to plan to get a visa.

What should I expect in regard to Health and Safety?

We take the safety and security of our program participants very seriously and provide you with the



tools to prepare your trip abroad. Our staff is prepared to assist students at any time, day or night, during illness or other emergency situations. We also require all students to enroll in an insurance policy with Cultural Insurance Services International. Learn more at our **Safety, Health and Wellness page**.

Advisors and Faculty

I work at a university and am interested in learning about your customized programs for our students.

If you work at one of our collaborating universities, you can find information about our programs with your institution by browsing our **customized field schools sections**.

We would be happy to schedule a call to explore your needs. Fill out a **short form** to get in touch.

Can students from my institution participate in GLi programs?

Yes, there are many ways for students to study at GLi. We can create an affiliation with your institution to pre-approve GLi courses. This typically guarantees your students will receive full credit for their study at GLi. Students can study with us and petition your institution for credit. We can also work with you to arrange a customized program for your school. Fill out a **short form** to get in touch.



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