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Orientation Booklet

to travel is to live...

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Benvenuti!

Dear Students:

Welcome to the city of Federico and Batista Sforza da Montefeltro! We know that you have made an important step towards your future education. Your study abroad program will provide infinite opportunities for your career and a wealth of personal discoveries.

You are living in Urbino, a city awarded by UNESCO for its architectural and historical beauty. Visitors from all parts of the world remain fascinated by Urbino’s eternal charm, something that has remained place for centuries. Urbino, a city that has attracted some of the most important architects, painters and poets during and after the Italian Renaissance, the hub of intellectual, cultural and religious activities, representing the “model city” Citta’ Ideale in Europe.

Your decision to embark upon this experience has been very wise. You are fortunate to be here among your classmates and faculty. We recommend that you live your study abroad experience to its fullest, taking advantage of everything that this territory and country has to offer. Italy is the cradle of most art and architecture in the world, you will be exposed to artifacts, buildings and places that will inspire and change your life. If you stay in your dorms or just hang out in cafes, you will minimize your abroad experience, and take back very little of all that you could discover.

Embarking into this experience comes with heart-felt sacrifices, you are away from everything you know, your customs, your homes, family and all your typical routine activities. Remember, you will go back to all of that and this experience takes place during a very short period of your life. Keep your mind open to all the possibilities, leave your cultural habits aside and immerse yourself within the Italian culture without judging: get involved, enjoy!

We have created this orientation package so that you can consult everything that we have covered in our orientation meeting. We are very happy to have you here and it will be a pleasure for us to help and assist you in anything that you may need, questions, concerns, trips, all non-academic matters.

We have included a list of extracurricular activities that we believe are important for your overall “Italian experience” we highly recommend agricultural activities, such as olive oil and grape harvesting among the few. Besides its architectural treasures, Italy is about food, home made production of high quality goods, through these activities you will be exposed to the roots of the Italian culture, meeting the local farmers and living life as the Italians do.

Our most welcoming regards!

Mirko and Eugenia Marinelli

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Important Information

CAMPUS Address — (Classrooms and Offices)

(Above the multimedia library)

Collegio dell Colle
Via Cappuccini, 17
Urbino, (PU) 61029
Italia

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Office number:
0722-327348 (land line)
334-7052864 (Eugenia's Cell)
335-6868641 (Mirko's Cell)
333-4076114 (Roberta's Cell)
Office hours 9-6pm

Faculty Office number:
0722-351490
366-2379118 (Faculty Cell)

DORM Address in Urbino (City center):

Casa della Studentessa
Via Cesare Battisti # 18
61029 – Urbino

(Reception: Collegio Internazionale)
Piazza San Filippo, 2
61029 – Urbino
Upon your arrival at orientation we will hand you the following:

- Keys to your dorms
- Orientation Booklet
- Comforter and Comforter Cover
- Cell phone (if you have rented the Italian Cell phone)

Travel Information:

Italy Trains

www.trenitalia.com

www.italotreno.it

Low Cost Airlines:

- aer lingus
- brussels airlines
- easyjet
- germanwings
- jet2
- meridiana
- thomas cook airlines
- tuifly
- vueling
- air berlin
- cityjet/air france
- flybe
- hop/air france
- jetairfly
- ryanair
- transavia
- volotea
- wizz air

Flights SEARCH:

www.kayak.it (this company will give you comparative prices with many other airlines)
Hotel booking Websites:

www.tripadvisor.com (this website also contains comments which help with selection of hotel or B&B)

www.hostelworld.com

Hostels should be your first choice if you are on a budget.

Bed & Breakfast is also a great way to sleep and is generally cheaper than a hotel.

If you sleep in a hotel, share the room with other classmates and divide the cost.

Renting apartments in Europe:

www.airbnb.com This is a great website that you can use to rent apartments in all of Europe. Students have rented apartments for 3 days as well. You can check apartment rentals for all of Italy. This is a safe and reliable website.

PLANNING YOUR TRAVEL

Bologna Airport

Most, if not all students use the Bologna Airport to fly to many destinations in Europe. Bologna has a large well-connected airport where several low-cost airlines depart and arrive, especially the most frequently used low-cost airline: Ryanair. When you are planning your travels I highly suggest you use this airport.

Train Travel

Traveling by train is fun, economical and a great way to reach your destination.

From Urbino the bus that goes to Pesaro drops you off at the bus station, which is next to the train station.

Trains from Pesaro connect with all trains in Italy. For timetables, cost and purchase of tickets go to:

www.trenitalia.com Go on the top right hand corner and click on the British flag for English.

Purchasing train tickets in Urbino:

If you wish you can purchase your train tickets in advance in Urbino Centro. You can go to the travel agency Marchionni Viaggi, located in front of the Duomo. This is a small travel agency, not the most friendliest. Bring a printed copy of the exact trains you want to take, you
can purchase them by paying an additional 2 Euros per ticket for the agency commission. If you are on a tight schedule and you want to have everything prior to traveling, then it is best you purchase your train tickets in advance,

**Going to Bologna Airport from Pesaro:**

You take a train from Pesaro (look up [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com) for train travel) to Bologna Centrale (this is Bologna's central station and most trains are direct from Pesaro to Bologna Centrale)

You exit the train station from the main entrance, you will see a large, busy parking lot with taxi's and a glass roofed bus stop where the shuttle that takes you to Bologna airport stops.

It is very easy to identify the shuttle since it says AEROPORTO. The shuttle is almost always waiting outside, if not you get on the line, it comes every 10 minutes and takes you directly to the airport.

The cost of the shuttle is Euros 6,00 one way, per person.

We have attached the timetable for the Airport shuttle to this email. Note that the first page is from the Airport to Stazione Centrale, that page after is for Stazione Centrale to Airport.

**NOTE:** If you are taking low-cost flights, such as Ryanair, you need to remember to check-in online, 2 weeks before and also to print your ticket prior to arriving at the airport. When you make reservations online for your flights, you will always get automatic emails reminding you to check-in and to print your ticket, if you do not do this you will get an extra charge when you arrive at the check-in counter.

Also, some low-cost airlines do not always use the large airports at selected destinations, thus, always calculate the cost of getting to and from the airport when you are planning your trips. Fortunately, the low-cost airlines offer their own shuttles to get you to and from the airports they use. They utilize smaller, sometimes distant airports, thus, it will take you an some extra time to arrive, so instead of 30 min. maybe it will take one hour.

Most students use these flights and have always managed to go everywhere without any problems, the cost of the tickets are so economical that it is worth the extra time lost in getting to destination.
**Taxi**

If you are traveling in group you can always opt for the taxi from Bologna Centrale to the Airport, you can divide the cost. Taxi’s are located next to the shuttle stop.

It takes approximately 20 min. to get to the airport.

Cost can be between 15 and 30 Euros depending on traffic.

**Hotel and Hostels:**

As mentioned in orientation and on your booklet, remember to look at the guides in your studio, especially *Lonely Planet*, great guide for student travel. First check out the hostels. Also, look online for Bed and Breakfast, you can use tripadvisor.com for this. It is best to use a combination of travel guide and internet search when planning your trips.

If you are traveling in Groups (which most students do) then look-up hotels and ask for the price of a triple-room, or a room for 4 people, sometimes you can get very good rates if you are willing to share rooms.

**IMPORTANT:**

Whenever you are making reservations USE EMAIL, make sure the hostel, or hotel, sends you a confirmation email, PRINT everything. Always print your hotel reservation and your time table for the trains, you always should have a time-table for the trains, this way, if you miss your train you already know which train is next. Avoid making reservations by phone and always show-up at the Hostel or hotel counter with your PRINTED reservation.

Have a back-up plan in case you miss your plane, or train. If you know you are departing from Bologna Airport, then look up hotel or a hostel in Bologna and have this information with you JUST IN CASE...

You need to make sure the plane departure flight coincides with you arriving at the airport 2 hours prior to departure time. Double check everything. Maybe you have to spend the night in Bologna and take the flight the next morning.
Destinations

Regarding destinations, this is a personal decision, in any chance we can suggest some destinations if you wish. Our recommendation is to select destinations in large city centers (you can go hiking in Ireland some other time) We suggest European Capitals because it is very easy and fun to move around these cities, you can use public transportation to go everywhere, they are generally very safe and very dynamic, lot's of things to do, full of people from all over the world. You also have a great selection of restaurants, hotels and hotels, whereas if you go to a small destination in an isolated place your options will be greatly reduced and it will take you much longer to arrive.

Remember that large cities, such as London, Barcelona, Paris, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Munich. Etc. Are ALL connected to their airports by train. Trains drop you off at the heart of the city center, which is very convenient when traveling, especially if your going in groups.

Going to Rome

From Urbino (Borgo Mercatale) a bus parts twice per day Monday- to Saturday to Rome, and one bus parts on Sunday.

From Rome buses part twice per day to Urbino Monday to Saturday’s and Once per day on Sunday.

Following the timetable and cost

Please see attached Urbino Roma-Roma Urbino bus Schedule.

Cost of one-way tickets: 35 Euros (bring cash and have change)

One last thing... ONE SMALL SUITCASE or TRAVEL backpack. This is ALL YOU NEED and this is how we Europeans travel. Do not put yourself through unnecessary difficulties having to carry large heavy luggage (up and down trains, stairs, etc) or worse: having somebody else having to deal with your luggage. Your not going to attend the Academy Awards so my suggestion: travel light, you will be walking all day rain or shine and you will most likely wear the same clothe.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Your magnetic cards are ONLY to be used for your meals, please do not use them to pay for any other services
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Urbino

Nestled in the foothills of the Apennine Mountains in the northeastern part of Central Italy, Urbino is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a breathtaking, perfectly preserved historic center and fascinating history.

During the Renaissance Urbino blossomed under the enlightened rule of Duke Federico da Montefeltro, a skillful statesman and enthusiastic patron of art and literature. Many leading historical figures lent their luster to the Montefeltro court, including painter Piero della Francesca.

Urbino is also the birthplace of Raphael, one of the most important painters of the Italian Renaissance.

Today Urbino provides the ideal setting for a University. The old historic center houses most of the University’s collages forming a student-friendly campus where everything is within easy walking distance, locals, students and professors mix casually in the squares, narrow streets and cafés.

The city of Urbino is nestled in a landscape molded for centuries by human intervention, the ancient city of Urbino stands on a headland between the river valleys of the Metauro and Foglia, protected by its impressive city wall. Its original appearance, suggestive of the bows of a ship, was given by the Romans who founded the municipality of Urvinum Mataurense, from which the name Urbino may have derived. Urbino retained its prow-like shape throughout the Middle Ages, until the Montefeltro dukes transformed it into one of the most beautiful cities of the Italian Renaissance.

The great soldier-statesman and man of letters, Duke Federico da Montefeltro, commissioned the architects Luciano Laurana and Francesco di Giorgio Martini to build his palace, which rapidly became a focal point for the finest spirits of the Age of Humanism. This palace, or “city in the form of a palace”, which blends so beautifully with the surrounding countryside, was to serve as a model for numerous other Renaissance courts. Among the leading figures who lent their lustre to the Montefeltro court were painters, such as Piero della Francesca, Paolo Uccello, Melozzo da Forli, Justus of Ghent and Pedro Berruguete, writers, such as Baldassare Castiglione and Pietro Bembo, architects, such as Leon Battista Alberti, philosophers, mathematicians, such as Luca Pacioli and Paulus von Middelburg, and poets Bernardo and Torquato Tasso.

Urbino has been the birthplace of a number of other important figures in Italian culture including the architect Girolamo Genga, the painters Raphael and Federico Barocci, the architect and mathematician Muzio Oddi, during his period, the writer Paolo Volponi, who was intimately involved with Urbino until his death in 1994. It was to the memory of Federico’s son, Duke Guidobaldo, who successfully kept up the cultural splendor of the Urbino court - albeit with increasingly frequent contributions from the papacy - that Baldassare Castiglione dedicated his famous book, “The Courtier”. Castiglione had been a guest at the court of Urbino and held important positions there from 1504 onwards, and his book was intended to describe the model courtier, the ideal Renaissance gentleman, whom he had seen so memorably embodied Montefeltro
court. In 1506, just two years before he died, Duke Guidobaldo founded the Collegio dei Dottori on which the modern University is based.

**University of Urbino**

**History**

The University of Urbino dates back to 1506 when Duke Guidobaldo I founded the “Collegio dei Dottori”, and from its inception it continued to expand.

While the student body and faculties gradually increased and developed over time, it was under the long and fruitful presidency of Senator for Life, Carlo Bo, that the University enjoyed unprecedented growth in size and prestige, prompting the former President of the European Community Commission, Roy Jenkins, to state that “the University of Urbino is an incisive presence in contemporary thought, contributing in original ways to the cultural and intellectual life of Europe”. The University of Urbino now has around 20,000 students and is known for the quality of its teaching and research.

The size and organization of the University encourages a direct relationship between students and teachers and allowing students to take full advantage of all campus services and facilities. Urbino, the ideal Renaissance city, has become the ideal city for study, a lively and stimulating campus-town perfectly suited for student life.

The University of Urbino grew out of the Collegio dei Dottori, which was already active around the middle of the fifteenth century and “authorized to act as an appeal court involving the Duchy of Urbino”. At the request of Duke Guidobaldo da Montefeltro, this college was officially recognized in a papal bull of 1507, issued by Pope Julius II of the della Rovere family, and entrusted with the administration of penal and civil law throughout the Duchy.

In 1564, Pope Pius IV granted the Collegio “leave to crown two poets laureate annually, to confer degrees in canon and civil law, to award academic qualifications in the arts, in medicine and in the other faculties recognized by the University articles, and to appoint notaries”. At the start of the seventeenth century, Collegio dei Dottori became a Studio Pubblico, a transformation sanctioned by Duke Francesco Maria II della Rovere. Shortly afterwards, the Duchy of Urbino was absorbed into the Papal State, though the privileges previously bestowed upon the Collegio were all reconfirmed.

The Urbino community replaced the Dukes duties and “Studio Pubblico” resumed its activities on an even grander scale, with chairs of Mathematics, Physics, Logic, Metaphysics and Theology being added to those of Law. Finally, in 1671, Pope Clement X issued a bull founding “Una Universitas Studi Generalis”, the University of Urbino, which promptly broke away from Collegio dei Dottori, drafted its own constitution and pursued its own course. Pope Clement X’s successor, Clement XI, a descendant of the Albani family of Urbino, enlarged the University, gave it fresh impetus, broadened the curriculum and opened a new citizens and study University library.
If the early history of Urbino University is closely linked to the Montefeltro and della Rovere families, it owes its later recognition and enlargement to various popes as well as to the enterprise of the Albani - a family who provided Italy with a number of popes committed to ensuring the continuing prosperity first of the Collegio dei Dottori and later of the Studio Pubblico and the University. In a 1721 brief, Pope Innocent XIII finally reconfirmed all the rights granted over the years to what was to become the University of Urbino. Italian unity in 1860 marked the start of a new period. A Royal Chapter of 1862 declared Urbino an Independent University and instructed the provincial administration to provide it with a chapter and an annual grant. The Law Faculty and a certain number of two-year courses held at the Faculty of Physics and Mathematics were ratified, as well as courses at what was to become the Pharmacy Faculty.

In the 1920’s, “Urbino University gained recognition as an Independent University” with a chapter which granted state aid possible but not mandatory. So the University had to continue to make do with student enrolment fees, the contribution from the provincial administration and income from its own estates. Once fully recognized as an Independent University, student numbers gradually increased as more faculties were opened. During the 1960’s and 1970’s the University succeeded in purchasing quite a number of derelict palaces in the old centre which have since been restored and used as faculty and department buildings.

This was also the period that architect Giancarlo De Carlo designed and built the University Halls of Residence which can accommodate 1,500 students. Today the University of Urbino is a State University. It numbers 10 collages and about 17,000 students. Its numerous departments are housed in buildings of outstanding architectural interest, and it offers students and scholars a wide range of courses and research opportunities. Urbino provides the ideal setting for a university: the ancient city within walking distance and people, teachers and students. ([www.uniurb.it](http://www.uniurb.it)

University of Urbino is comprised of the following Collages:

- Economics
- Education
- Foreign Languages and Literature
- Humanities and Philosophy
- Law
- Pharmacy
- Physical Education and Health
- Political Science
- Science and Technology
Campus

The campus is located outside the city walls, one-kilometer distance, a 15 min. walk on flat land from the center of town. The campus is a modern-high tech facility that currently functions as a campus for Italian students, surrounded by a magnificent panorama to the green hills that sit just below the buildings.

The campus was designed by famous architect Giancarlo De Carlo who, along with a committee of Italian and international students, worked together for several years in the planning and design of the campus. Together they studied a concept in order to create a campus that reflected student life in a historical context, but with modern facilities that met all the needs for student life away from home.

Even if the campus is full of students, it was designed to give a sense of unlimited open-space so that students, faculty and visitors may never feel crowded or disturbed.

The roof of the library building is comprised of a series of green roof gardens, unfortunately at the time they were built technology did not favor this forward thinking concept, therefore the gardens have not been used or maintained appropriately. Giancarlo De Carlo, has worked on the restoration of many historical palaces in Urbino.

The campus is composed of a restaurant, conference rooms, library and theater. A video rental facility, TV room, wireless lounging areas, laundry rooms, storage rooms for luggage, public telephones, a café and reading rooms.

The Architect

Giancarlo De Carlo (December 12, 1919 - June 4, 2005) was an Italian architect. He was born in Genova, Liguria in 1919. He worked as an architect from 1942 to 1949, a time of political turmoil, which generated his philosophy toward life and architecture. Libertarian socialism was the underlying force for all of his planning and design.

De Carlo saw architecture as a consensus-based activity. His designs are generated as an expression of the forces that operate in a given context including human, physical, cultural, and, historical forces. His ideas linked international ideals with late twentieth-century reality.

De Carlo was a member of Team 10 along with Alison and Peter Smithson, Aldo van Eyck, and Jacob Bakema, among others. Although his political beliefs have limited his portfolio of buildings, his ideas remained untainted by postmodernist beliefs through his journal Spazio e Società - Space & Society, and his teaching at
the International Laboratory of Architecture and Urban Design (ILAUD).

In 1964 Giancarlo Di Carlo was commissioned to work on a new urbanization project for the City of Urbino and in 1965 he was commissioned to design a new campus for the University of Urbino: Collegio Universitario. The design of the new campus took De Carlo many years to complete and the idea behind the concept was to fuse the building with the surrounding landscape, inserting the built environment with the natural sloping hillside. Giancarlo De Carlo received international recognition for the design of the new campus and won several awards. The design of the campus in Urbino was the first of many university projects for his future all over Italy. De Carlo died in Milan in 2005.

**Campus & City Center**

The four main building you will be utilizing at your campus are the following:

- **AQUILONE**: Studio + lecture room + GEV office and Faculty office (in campus)
- **TRIDENTE**: Cafeteria (in Campus)
- **CASA DELLA STUDENTESSA**: Dorm (in Centro Storico)
- **MENSA del DUCA**: Cafeteria (in Centro Storico) (Mon. –Fri. only)

*(See next page for campus overview map)*

**Dorms**

Your rooms are located at the CASA DELLA STUDENTESSA (in the city center). Although you have cleaning service one per week for common spaces and change linens and towels, you are responsible for keeping the rooms tidy and clean. We ask that you lock your rooms every time you leave. Please keep noise to a minimum since you are surrounded by other dorms that Italian and international students are using. **Parties are not permitted inside your dorms or in any of the facilities of the campus**.

The building has 24-hr reception. This building may be utilized by other Italian and international students. The reception is located at the: Collegio Internazionale, 20 mt from your dorm.

**IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY HAVE RECEPTIONIST AT INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE BUILDING CALL GEV CELL PHONE.**

If you need replacement of light bulbs, toilet paper, or extra towels you can ask for these items at the reception at the Collegio Internazionale, where you checked in, or to the cleaning lady at your dorm.

If you need hangers, you can ask GEV staff for these.

If you encounter any **issues in your dorms** (water leaks, non-functioning light fixtures, insects, etc.) you must send GEV staff a detailed email with your room number and problem.
**Meals**

You will be given a magnetic card with your name and picture. This magnetic card has been charged with 120 meals (lunch and dinner **Monday through Friday's**) for your entire program period (Sep. to Dec. Fall & January to May Spring). This card can be utilized in either of the two cafeterias. Your 120 meals have been calculated starting the day you arrive ending the last day to check-out.

Your **breakfast** is included during your entire program period everyday including Saturday and Sundays.

Breakfast is served every morning 7:30am to 9:30am at the cafeteria of the Collegio Internazionale.

You may also use this card during your weekends in Urbino, but please keep in mind that you have 120 meals included. Given field trip dates and independent travel dates that will require you to be away from Urbino, we calculate that these meals will be enough since, when you are out of town, you do not loose your meals, you can use the meals the weekends that you are in Urbino.

**Cafeterias**

*Breakfast:*

**MENSA DEL DUCA** Cafeteria (Located, in city center at Via San Filippo, 2) *(Collegio Internazionale)*

7:30am – 9:30am

*Lunch and Dinner*

**TRIDENTE** (Within Campus) OPEN ON WEEKENDS:  
Lunch: Noon to 2:00pm; Dinner: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

**MENSA DEL DUCA** (Within Centro Storico) CLOSED ON WEEKENDS:  
Lunch: Noon to 2:00pm; Dinner: 7:00pm to 9:00pm (Mon. – Fri. ONLY)

**NOTE:** **MENSA DEL DUCA** opens for lunch and dinner Mon. – Fri. ONLY

**AQUILONE Building**

The Aquillone building s where your studio, lecture room and our offices are located, this is also the building where the main library of the campus is situated. You may use the library anytime. Library hours are from 9:00 to 5:00pm.

**Studio and classrooms**

You will be given the keys to your studio during the orientation session. You are responsible for your keys and for ALWAYS locking your studio if you are the last
person. To access your studio after library office hours or when library is closed for lunch, you will take a short cut that will be showed to you during orientation.

Please switch off all lights when you are no longer utilizing the studio and also close the curtains that face the main entrance/terrace.

**Laundry**

At your campus there are several laundry facilities. They are located throughout. The washer and dryer machines are coin operated. You can always take your laundry to the city center if you do not wish to wash your own.

**Library**

Below your designated studio and lecture rooms you have the full access to the Library of the Aquilone (Kite) building, this is the building you pass through when you access your studio during normal working hours.

**Libraries in Centro Storico Urbino:**

There are five libraries that you may access during your stay in Urbino:

1. Collage of Humanities (Library) Via Saffi, 2
2. Collage of Law (Library – Underground) Via Matteotti, 1
3. Collage of Economics and Sociology (Library) Via Saffi, 42
4. Carlo Bo and Marisa Foundation (Library) Via della Annunziata, 4

*Library hours:* from 8:30pm to 7:00pm (Mon. – Fri.) 8:30am – 1pm (Sat.)

**Photocopy and Printing – Costs**

You can utilize the photocopy machine in your studio with the laptop and code provided at orientation, you have an allowance of 150 copies per month.

In the event that you may need to photocopy or print any material you can also use GEV’s copy machine located at our offices downstairs. You will need to utilize our computers, therefore we suggest you bring a jump drive with files that you need printed.

Our office will be open from 9:00am to 6:00pm

**Important:** If you want to make copies at other locations in the city center of Urbino or at the University library **PLEASE DO NOT** use your magnetic cards to pay for the copies.

**Post Office**
The main post office is located in Urbino city center; hours of operation: 8:00am – 6:30pm (Mo. – Fri.) 8:00am – 12:30pm (Sat.)

Location: Via Bramante, 28

Shipping to the US

Shipping boxes and or mail to the US can get expensive but may be worth the cost if you want to travel light on your way back. Cost for shipping by boat (will arrive in 1 or 3 months) are as follows:

- 20 kilos (about 40 pounds): 93 Euros
- 10 Kilos (about 20 pounds): 52 Euros
- 5 Kilos (about 10 pounds): 35 euros

This is how other students shipped clothe to the US and it took 1 month to arrive, it normally takes one month even though they tell you it may take 3. It is the cheapest way. Please note that if box does not arrive it is your responsibility to track your belongings, you may need to contact US customs, somethings do get held at US customs.

Forms for shipment are available at the post office. In order to ship things back to the US you need to have these forms filled out and all of your contents inside a closed box.

With the filled forms and the box you go to the Urbino post office, take the number at the entrance (letter P numbers) and wait until your number appears on the screen, you walk to the front desk and you give them the box and the forms and you tell them "Spedizione Via Mare" by boat.

You will need to have the things inside your box, box closed and labeled (written) address and name. If you cannot find boxes you can purchase them at the post office.

Sample of post office form has been included at the end of your Orientation booklet

Urbino Hospital

If you have any medical issues or emergencies we ask that you contact GEV immediately, if you do not have a cell phone, you must go to the reception at the International College building and have them call our cell phones, reception is available 24 hours. GEV will make the proper arrangements for your medical visits.

Urbino’s main hospital is located outside the historic city walls walking distance from the historic city center.

Location: Via B. da Montefeltro Tel. (39 0722-3011)

Overnight medical staff: Via Gramsci (39 0722-301927)
Non- Medical Emergencies - CAMPUS

Though arrangements with UNIURB and the State, UTSA students have access to medical services on Campus two days per week. You must contact GEV staff and arrange for a visit.

Visitors

During the Spring or Fall break you may have family and friends visiting Urbino. You are not allowed, under any circumstance to have visitors stay in your dorms. If family or friends are visiting they can stay in the city center of Urbino where you can find many hotels or other type of accommodations. It is best you reserve in advance by conducting research on-line, you can look up comments on hotels from other visitors by utilizing: tripadvisor.com.

Going to your campus (classrooms)

From your dorm at city center:

We suggest you walk from your dorm in city center to the campus to your classrooms, it is a beautiful, easy 15-min. walk. However, if you wish you can always take local bus lines from either in the main piazza (Borgo or Piazzale Marcatale) or inside the city walls in various bus stops within the city center (Piazza Repubbica), the bus will drop you off in front the Building Tridente at the Campus.

Buses to Urbino City Center

NOTE: at the bottom of all bus schedules meaning for Italian abbreviations:

FA: Mon. – Sat. Year round
FAns: Mon. – Fri. (non scholastic)
FTA: Sundays and holidays- year round

Linea 1/1A

Linea (Bus line) 1/1A takes you from your campus to Centro Storico Urbino, it makes several stops and runs from 8:30am to 9:30pm Check with GEV staff for updates on schedule.

Bus Stop: TRIDENTE building (where the cafeteria is located)

See attached bus schedule for: LINEA 1/1A

Cost: 1, 50 Euros (per ride)

Linea 3

Linea (bus line) 3, runs all year long
Bus Stop: At the end of the driveway before going up to the COLLE building or in front of: Bar Degli Amici

NOTE: This bus stops in two places, look at your bus schedule and you will notice the following two stops:

**Naz. B Trabaria 5:** this bus stop is located right after Bar degli Amici, it is an official glass and post bus stop, you pass the bar at you left and continue until you see it.

**Naz. B. Trabaria 4 (Sogesta):** this bus stop is located on the corner at the bottom of the driveway before going up to your dorms (COLLE building). You will see a sign that indicates: Sogesta, this is the bus stop, on the street. When looking at your bus schedule make sure that you notice the difference.

*See attached bus schedule for: LINEA 3*

Cost: 1,50 Euros (per ride)

IMPORTANT: Pay for your ticket, fines are 45 Euros.

**Urbino City Center**

Places to Visit

*Please see maps and description on: next page*

**Cafes & Restaurants**

**Antica Osteria Da La Stella**
via S.Margherita, n°1 - tel: 0722.322326

**Il Cantuccio**
via Budassi, n°64 - tel: 0722.2521

**Taverna la Fornarina**
via Mazzini, n° 14 - tel: 0722.320007

**Franco**
via del Poggio, n°1 - tel: 0722.2492

**Il Portico Hostaria**
via Mazzini, 7 - 0722/4329

**Il Cortegiano**
via Puccinotti, n°13 - tel: 0722.320307

**Il Giardino della Galla**
via Bernini, n°6 - tel: 0722.2455

**Il Girarrosto**
Piazza San Francesco, n°3 - tel: 0722.4445

**Il Gula**
Corso Garibaldi, n°23 - tel: 0722.2694

**Ristorante Le Tre Piante**
Via Voltaccia delle Vecchia, n°1 – tel: 0722 4863

**La Balestra**
Via Valerio, n°16 – tel: 0722 – 2942

**Ristorante Magna Grecia (Greek)**
Via Cesare Battisti, n°36 – tel: 0722 350 497

**Ristorante Cinese e Giapponese Zhong Yi (Chinese & Japanese)**
Via Nazionale di Bocca Trabaria, n°19 – Tel: 0722 – 320502

**Travel Agencies**

**Apatam viaggi**
via Banconte Da Montefeltro, n° 128/130 Urbino
tel: 0722.329488 - fax: 0722.2610 - e-mail: apatam@apatam.it

**Eventour**
Viale Gramsci, n°10 Urbino
tel: 0722.322464 - fax: 0722.378514 web: www.eventour.it

**Marcheggiani viaggi**
via Mazzini, n°60 Urbino
tel: 0722.329284 - fax: 0722.329095

**Marchionni srl**
via Puccinotti, n°7 Urbino
tel: 0722.328877 - fax: 0722.4153 - e-mail:

**Urbino Incoming**
Borgo Mercatale, n° 30 Urbino
tel: 0722.327831 - fax: 0722.378452 - web: www.urbinoincoming.it - e-mail: info@urbinoincoming.it

**Urbino Night Life**

The main piazze stay open well into the night, when people head to cafes for one last shot of espresso. Students have a very active social life in Urbino and most of these activities, reunions, gatherings, etc. take place during the scholastic period after dinner.

Thursday night is the official student party night at Urbino. Following you will
find a few names of popular restaurants and bars in Urbino city center.

**Daunbailo,** V. Posta Vecchia 7. An artsy spot with checkered ceiling, red and turquoise walls, and snapshots from Audrey Hepburn’s days in *Roman Holiday.* Live music Tuesday nights. Monthly photo exhibits. Open Tu-Sa 6pm-2am, Su 6pm-1am.

**The Bosom Pub,** V. Budassi 24 (☎0722 47 83). Happy hour Tu and F-Sa from 10pm-midnight, Open daily June-July 8pm-2am; Aug.-May 6pm-2am.

**Caffè del Corso,** C. Garibaldi 3 (☎0722 24 77). Fuschia walls and brick archways lead to comfortable modern seating. Open daily 6am-2am.


**I’m2m pub,** via Barocci – tel: 392 658 0880

**Art Cafè,** Via Valerio,18 – tel: 380 546 9312

**Recommended:**
We recommend ristorante: *La Locanda del Blasone* (via Nuova, n.°3 – tel: 0722 2528) for Thursday night dinner, you must make reservations. The restaurant is full of student from Urbino every Thursday night.

**Traveling**

**Purchasing Tickets**
You can purchase bus tickets at any Tabaccherie (Liquor stores) in Urbino, for your convenience you should purchase your tickets at the local bars or tabaccherie in Piazzale Marcatale where the bus to Rome arrives and departs.

**Going to Pesaro**
Pesaro is the second largest city in Regione Marche and is located 35 kilometers from Urbino. The City of Pesaro is a lively city all year round, full of restaurants, cafes and bars, mostly located in the city center or on the coastline.

We recommend that students spend a weekend in Pesaro, departing Saturday, returning Sunday. If students wish to stay in Pesaro overnight you can serch online the many different B&B’s and also hotels.

You can visit the City of Pesaro in one day, leaving Urbino in the morning and returning late afternoon. The City of Pesaro is a coastal town and provides a great opportunity to enjoy the calm waters of the Adriatic.

**Buses to Pesaro**
All buses to Pesaro part from Porta Santa Lucia in Urbino and arrive at the train/bus station in Pesaro, located next to the city center.

**Linea 46 & 46 Speedy:** this is the fastest and most direct bus line from Urbino to Pesaro (45min)

*Please see attached bus schedules*

**Going to Fano**

Fano is a lovely historic city by the sea, dating back to Roman times, the beaches are smaller then the ones in Pesaro, however the quaint city center with lively crowds, outdoor markets and small shops is well worth the trip. We have a field trip scheduled for Fano during your stay at Urbino.

**Buses to Fano**

All buses to Fano part from Porta Santa Lucia in Urbino and arrive in two different locations in Fano: (from Monday to Saturday – NO SUNDAY)

**Fano Pincio** (This bus stop is inside the city center, convenient if you are planning to ONLY visit Fano)

**Fano Stazione** (BUS + FS): This bus stop is located next to the train station, convenient if you are planning to take a train to another location or if you want to be closer to the beach.

**Linea 25:** This is the bus line that takes you to Fano. It does stop in several towns before reaching Fano, also keep in mind that this bus continues to Pesaro. (1-hour bus trip).

**Going Everywhere Else**

During your time in Urbino you may want to discover other cities, regions and even other European countries. Creation Studio will help you in planning your trip or in giving you any information needed. We have also included a list of travel agencies that you may consult in Urbino city center. At these travel agencies you can purchase tickets in advance.

Traveling to other regions within Italy from Urbino will require that you depart from Pesaro’s train station, therefore you can take a bus from Urbino to Pesaro. The bus station is located next to the train station. Trains from Pesaro connect to every other city.

**Extracurricular Activities**

**NOTE:** Reservations to all tours and activities need to be made a week in advanced, space may be limited. Activities within and around the Urbino area will be updated weekly and posted in your studio and on the office window of Creation Studio.
During your quarter in Urbino we suggest that you get involved in activities outside your regular academic schedule, this will allow you to experience and discover the Montefeltro territory, its people and culture, which has so much to offer. In planning your activities we suggest that you contact GEV, there may be things that we have not listed that may be of interest to you, or there may be a special class, activity or site visit you would like to do. We are here to help you make the most of your study abroad experience, you should never find yourself without anything to do unless that is what you desire.

Hiking

Hiking in regione Marche is a great way to discover the territory and can be done every weekend, mostly on Sundays. We highly recommend that you get involved with the local hiking groups and go on these guided tours, this will be a great chance to meet people and discover the fascinating natural beauty around you. In addition it is a great opportunity for physical activity outdoors. Some hiking trips organized by non-profit foundations take place over the entire weekend. Upon your arrival we will give you all proposed schedules, if you are interested in guided hiking tours you must let us know in advanced so that we may organize the trip for you and your fellow students, during most of the hiking tours Creation Studio will be present.

Self-guided tours can be done by taking public transportation from Urbino to nearby towns where hiking trails are marked. For information on self-guided tours, maps, bus schedules, etc. please contact Creation Studio, we will give you all the information needed.

Cost: The cost is usually between 10 and 15 Euros. These prices need to be verified at the time we contact the non-profit hiking foundations.

Duration: Keep in mind that guided hiking tours last between 6 and 8 hours, therefore you must calculate a full day, parting Urbino at 7:00am returning 8:00pm

Lunch: On most hiking tours you bring your own lunch in your backpack and we eat together when the tour stops for a one-hour lunch

Exploring Historic Towns

Your program includes many visits to historic towns, schedule will be given to you at the start of the semester.

A great way of exploring historic towns in Italy is through a food and wine tour, as you will discover that gastronomy is the stepping-stone of the Italian culture. It is all about food and good wines! Creation Studio, together with the Province of Urbino, has arranged a gastronomy tour where we will take you on a food and wine-tasting tour to local family owned businesses in the nearby territory. We will visit important medieval towns and castles while we taste local, home made food, the tour will also stop in some local wine cantinas.

Grape Harvesting:
Grape harvesting takes place once per year during the fall season in local winery fields. Depending on the availability of the wineries you may be able to see the entire wine making process and storage cantinas. This is a very fun and interactive activity, it does require physical work. You will be engaged in a very old, traditional Roman activity, enjoying the outdoors and meeting the local wine makers and their families.

**Cost:** The cost could be around 30 Euros per person (8/10 person min.)

**Included:** Transportation from and to Urbino, tools for harvesting, wine tasting and lunch at the “cantina” (FALL ONLY)