



My Siena Experience

Background

- I am a second year Anthropology student.
- I took Italian at Lakehead because I wanted to learn another language and experience a new culture.
- I had also heard amazing things about the professor and the class by previous students.
- I went to Siena, Italy in June 2025 by myself for a month long Italian course.



What I love about this program

- The support and guidance throughout the entire process
- Good connection between Lakehead and the university in Siena
- Great funding



Some things to be aware of

- There are multiple campus' that offer this program around Siena, and you won't know which campus you will be placed at until you get there
- (my experience**) they don't restart the course every month so if you are a beginner speaker I suggest going in May rather than a later month



My experience

- Went by myself
- Travel experience- first flight alone, dealing with cancelations/delays, transportation
- Lived in Airbnb's, walked to school every day
- Made friends with people from school as well as locals





Where I went on the weekends

- Florence twice (day trips)
- Rome (2 days)
- Siena countryside



Is this program worth it?

- I would confidently say that this program is very worthwhile, and it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to go to a foreign country and study a different language.



Thank you to the Institute of Italian Studies for this amazing opportunity!