



INTERNSHIP/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The SRISA Professional Experience (Internship) Program provides an invaluable opportunity for SRISA students to study and intern abroad in Florence.

Students may intern with a local business in Florence or onsite at the SRISA campus. Summer internships are only available within the SRISA campus. Internships are unpaid. The student's final grade will be dependent upon their quality of work, timeliness, and accountability. Students that have some Italian language competency will have more opportunities, however, speaking Italian is not a prerequisite for participation.

Hour Requirement

Students must work a specified number of hours during the semester as required by the home institution. Forty (40) contact hours are equivalent to one (1) academic credit. Therefore a 3-credit internship would amount to 120 hours. Internships can take the place of one course during a semester.

Course Description

Supervised, practical field employment providing the opportunity for the student to apply prior learning to practical job experiences.

Course Objectives

1. To give the student experience in a professional application of their knowledge and skills
2. Facilitate the opportunity for the student to build their resume while continuing their education
3. Assist the student in developing problem solving, creative, and communication skills
4. Adapt to an international work and social environment

Internship Disciplines

- Local Art Gallery, Artist/Curator Assistant – Italian Language required
- Fashion Design – Italian Language required
- Photography and Photojournalism
- Journalism
- Graphic Design
- Jewelry Design
- SRISA Marketing and Communications
- Child Education

Internship Application

Interested candidates should submit the following items via email as soon as possible to allow us to begin the appropriate search for an internship partner.

- Area of interest
- Current resume
- Letter of Intent describing your desired work experience
- Portfolio and/or link to your website
- Relevant courses taken. This may be listed on your resume or separately
- Level of Italian Language, if any
- Letter of recommendation from a former employer, internship supervisor, or professor

What is involved?

The amount of time that each internship will require is dependent upon the number of credit hours undertaken. Students that pursue the internship for credit will be required to keep regular hours each week and complete a final written presentation about their work experience. Students can also take advantage of SRISA's resume-building consultation.

Conditions

Internships are unpaid and will be offered for academic credit. SRISA will make every effort to provide students with an internship, however we cannot guarantee a placement, as they are dependent upon the availability of suitable positions and on an interview leading up to student arrival in Florence.

An internship is a continuance of studies. When requesting a placement, students should carefully consider the additional time that will be required for an internship and the possibility that will have to work on Fridays or occasional weekends, depending on the business' needs.



Testimonial

I knew an internship was the best way for me to get practical experience in the field of Italian craftsmanship, so in the fall of 2012 I decided to apply to an internship program organized by Santa Reparata International School of Art (SRISA) in Florence, Italy, working as an intern under Italian Jeweler, Federico. I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet and collaborate with the kindest artist, whose knowledge in the Jewelry field has helped guide me through out my spring semester.

- Jiseo Kim, Spring 2013