Each spring semester, the School of Art offers a program of study in Italy. Because of the required discipline-specific coursework for BFA and BA students (studio art, graphic design, art education, and art history), it can be difficult for these undergraduates to participate in other study abroad programs offered by MSU, and so the School of Art study abroad program was created almost twenty years ago in response to the need for a travel and discovery opportunity as a part of the pursuit of their degree(s). This program provides an opportunity for an intensive studio and art history experience by immersing participants in the culture of Italy, led by their own professors and with coursework created to be integrated into their graduation schedule (most participants are in their junior year). The students present research projects on-site, work alongside Italian artists in studio and workshop experiences created specifically for them, and then stage a group exhibition at MSU on their return.

The semester fosters a close and enriching relationship between the participating students and those MSU professors who shape the curriculum (four professors in rotation, and 18 credits in a mix of studio, graphic design, and art history) and work alongside them for the semester, in the process forming mentor-protégé relationships that continue well past the shared discovery and exploration time abroad.

Tuition: Determined year to year.

Travel Fee: $7,550.00 - This includes all lodging, museum and site visits, most meals, ground and air transportation within Italy, and MSU mandated student travel insurance (Geoblue). It does not include airfare.