NAU TRACK IN THE SEMESTER PROGRAMS
For the semester program, the Siena School has developed a track within the program specifically designed for NAU students. This track consists of a list of classes that are devised cooperatively with NAU and are pre-approved for NAU students. The program is arranged so that students take an intensive Italian language and culture course depending on their respective level, as well as an internship-based course chosen from a pre-approved list of courses.

INTERNSHIP-BASED COURSES OFFERED
The school offers a number of internship-based courses that give students a critical insight into the community in which they are studying. These courses allow students to take part in and give back to the local community by providing services in various areas around the city. While each internship is quite different in scope and task, they all share the common quality of an intense and active social commitment. Please note that in order for an internship to be offered, a minimum of four NAU students must be enrolled in that internship. Internships are offered in:

DEAF STUDIES: LIS & ITALIAN DEAF CULTURE
In the Deaf Studies course, students study Italian Sign Language (LIS) and Deaf Culture. The course includes classes introducing the basics of LIS as well as classes on the history of Deaf Culture in Italy. In addition, students participate in an internship with the deaf community in Siena. Following the Deaf Studies course gives students a unique perspective on language and communication, increasing awareness about different modes of communication. This is particularly relevant and useful as part of a study abroad experience.

ART HISTORY: ART RESTORATION
The Art Restoration course is a hands-on experience in learning the techniques of creating and restoring Medieval and Renaissance Art, done in conjunction with an Art History class on Medieval and Renaissance Art that gives students the theoretical background of the art they work on. Students are involved in the restoration of local Sienese works of art, learning techniques through actually applying them to the art that they are studying. This internship offers students the opportunity to have an unusual first-hand experience of Tuscan art.

SOCIAL SCIENCES: SOCIOLOGY
Students participating in the Sociology course and internship combine time in the classroom learning the theory which they then apply to an internship providing a service in one of many locations around Siena, such as a local home for the elderly or a center for psychiatric rehabilitation. Students who choose to do a Sociology internship must have at least an Intermediate level of Italian. Students who do not have an advanced enough level of Italian may complete a comparable research project on a topic agreed upon with the professor.

FINE ARTS: BOOK ART & BOOK RESTORATION
Students learn the history and techniques of book art and book restoration and then apply the skills they learn in the classroom by participating in a book restoration internship. This course provides an exciting first-hand experience of restoring both medieval and more recent books (from the 15th-19th centuries), introducing students to the basics of book-making technique through the creation of personal projects as well as the restoration of books and manuscripts found in Siena.
NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY IN SIENA

Since the summer of 2009, the Siena School has been collaborating with NAU to offer students a series of innovative and tailored study abroad opportunities for NAU students in Siena, Italy. These programs, available as semester programs in the fall and spring, full year, as well as winter and summer study, are specially designed in conjunction with NAU staff and faculty to better suit the needs of NAU students.

ABOUT THE SIENA SCHOOL FOR LIBERAL ARTS

The Siena School, a liberal arts program located in the center of Siena, Italy, specializes in Italian, Fine Arts, Social Sciences, Deaf Studies, and Art History. The small size of the program allows for individual attention from staff and faculty and enables the Siena School to work with each student to create a personalized study abroad experience. The school combines time in the classroom with community-based learning, encouraging students to take part in diverse local internships that foster greater integration and immersion into Sienese culture. While there is no language requirement to attend the school, there is a heavy emphasis on the importance of learning to speak Italian and as a result, the school provides the students with services and experiences that encourage and aid language immersion and acquisition.

PROGRAM COSTS

The total cost of the program is $7,080, which includes tuition, fees, and housing in a dormitory or apartment in Siena.

Other services included in the program cost:
Transportation from the airport upon arrival, three day orientation excursion in a beautiful country villa (all meals provided), two day mid-semester excursion (all meals provided, also includes cultural events and visits, activities etc. that vary depending on the semester), small excursions and program events, final dinner, placement and monitoring of apartments and home-stays.

For an extra 2,080 €, students can choose to live in home-stays with Italian families. Both living in a home-stay and in an apartment offer students a different set of experiences with their own respective challenges and benefits. The school recommends apartments for students who wish to have a more independent experience abroad, living on their own in apartments or dormitories in Siena. Students who choose this option are provided double rooms in a dormitory or apartment with Italian students in the city center. The school recommends home-stays for students who wish to have an experience with a high level of immersion into Italian culture. This option allows students to be fully immersed into Italian culture and promotes a high level of language acquisition. The price of the home-stay includes lodging and two meals a day.

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