# Summer in Reggio Emilia

## Global Salve Short-Term



Image Source: USAC Reggio Emilia

**Apply By**
January 17, 2025

May 20- June 26, 2025
Min: 15 Max: 16

**Faculty Leader**
Dr. Tracy Pelkowski

During this 4-week program, students will join Education professor Dr. Tracy Pelkowski in Reggio Emilia, Italy. Hosted by University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), all students will take "Child and Adolescent Development and the Theories of Learning" with Dr. Pelkowski, and then select a second 3-credit course from USAC's offerings. This program offers a unique opportunity for education or psychology students to fulfill major or minor requirements and/or core requirements. Program highlights include a visit to a cheese factory and balsamic vinegar production cellar, field trips to Bologna and Rimini, and the opportunity to experience Italian culture, drink a real cappuccino, eat gelato, and live la dolce vita!

## Academics

1. All students enroll in 3-credit EDC/ELC/SCD-220 **"Child and Adolescent Development and the Theories of Learning"** with Dr. Pelkowski.
   - Course fulfills Education major/minor requirement or can substitute PSY-220 for Psychology majors.
2. Students choose a second course from the following USAC Reggio Emilia local offerings:
   - Intercultural Communication (300 level, 3 credits)
     - Fulfills Social Sciences core requirement or Group 5 Psychology major elective.
   - Italian/International Educational Approaches: Reggio and Montessori (400 level, 3 credits)
     - Fulfills Social Sciences core requirement

## Eligibility Requirements

- Open to first year and sophomore education students.
- Good disciplinary, financial and academic standing at the time of program departure.
- 2.7 or higher GPA

Image: USAC Reggio Emilia 2024, Cheese Factory Tour

## Academic Focus

Reggio Emilia, Italy is famous for its approach to early childhood education, where healthy child development is viewed as the collective responsibility of the local community. In this education course, students will immerse themselves in the cultural context of Italian childhood, participating in a highly interactive format involving presentations, readings, guest speakers, and tours. Students will learn from Italian professionals in the family services and educational fields who work directly with children. They will take a field trip to the Centro Internazionale Loris Malaguzzi to learn about the values, history, and organization of Reggio Emilia's approach to early childhood education. Students will observe children at play at a local infant and toddler center. They will explore the intersection of sustainability, creativity, and research at the REMIDA Center, which works to promote the protection of children's rights. Students will journey to the nearby city of Parma to tour Il Tappo di Sughero, a play experience space designed for welcoming children and families who need extra sensory motor and relational development support.

## Course Expectations

A mandatory pre-departure meeting will be held in the spring to inform students of program content and requirements. Expect a rewarding curriculum that includes classroom lectures and local excursions. You'll be expected to actively participate in all activities, complete assignments on time, and engage respectfully with diverse cultures.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Open to all education students (first year and sophomores)
- Min GPA 2.7
- Availability of academic credits to fulfill degree requirements
- Good disciplinary, financial and academic standing
- Participation in mandatory pre-departure orientation

## How to Apply:

Complete an online application and submit all required materials on the ViaTRM portal by the program deadline. Application will open by October 1.
Materials include:
- 250 word essay on your study abroad goals
- Faculty reference
- Photo of passport or self-disclosure of passport application
- Headshot

## Center for Global Education & Fellowships

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## Program Fee: $7950-8400
## Confirmed Nov. 1

Deposit: $1200 due to Business Office by **Jan. 31, 2025**. Payments can be made to Business Office over the phone at (401) 341-2900 or by mailing a check.

Final Payment: due by **May 2, 2025**. The Business Office will generate an invoice for the remainder of the program fee in the spring.

## Included in Program Fee:

- 6 Salve Credits
- Roundtrip airfare Boston to Italy
- Airport transfers
- Housing accommodations in Italy
- 2-3 group meals
- Excursion and entrance fees
- International travel and health insurance

## Not Included in Program Fee:

- Transportation to and from Boston for group flight
- Most meals in Reggio Emilia
- Passport fee ($135) - if applicable
- Student visa - if applicable
- Course textbooks
- Personal expenses (recreation, personal items/services)
- Additional USAC course fees - if applicable ( e.g. Italian Cuisine)

## Group Flight:

Participants will be booked onto a roundtrip group flight. Deviation requests may be submitted by the form on ViaTRM by **Jan. 31, 2025 (the deposit deadline)**. *Please note: We cannot guarantee all requests and no exceptions will be made for requests submitted after the deadline.



Image: USAC Reggio Emilia 2024, Balsamic Vinegar Production Cellar

## Financial Aid & Scholarships

Please consult with your Financial Aid Counselor regarding any questions about financial aid and study abroad. Generally, only parent plus loans are applicable to short-term study abroad programs.

Salve Regina study abroad scholarships are reserved for full-time semester and year-long programs. Research your external scholarship options at: http://www.salve.edu/study-abroad/study-abroad-scholarships.

Pell-grant eligible students can apply for the Gilman Scholarship for study abroad programs of any length. For more information: https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/