

Marist College Bachelor's Degree Program at Lorenzo de' Medici



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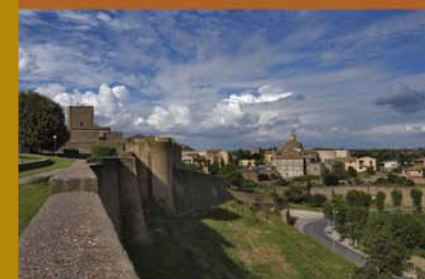
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MARIST Poughkeepsie, New York – Florence, Italy

Marist College proudly announces the launch of a Bachelor's Degree Program in partnership with the Scuola Lorenzo de' Medici in Florence, Italy. This degree program has been designed to meet the academic needs of qualified students from around the world.

In this age of increasing technological advancement, globalization, and media communication, people around the world have found it easier to reach out to new ideas, cultures, and ways of living. Businesses are now looking for individuals who have an understanding of this global community and are prepared to interact with a variety of different communities. Students now have the opportunities to engage with a multitude of cultures and build the kinds of skills and experience they need to succeed in this increasingly complex global environment. The Marist Brothers set forth a tradition that embraced a pursuit of higher human values, service, and excellence in education and were committed to global education as they established Marist educational centers across the world – Marist College and Lorenzo de' Medici are pleased to follow in the footsteps of that tradition with the Marist-LDM campus in Italy, a fully interdisciplinary and international academic learning environment.

Current offerings include:

- Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts: Studio Art
- Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts: Art History
- Bachelor of Science in Digital Media
- Bachelor of Professional Studies in Fashion Design
- Bachelor of Arts in English (Theatre Concentration)

Our Florence campus will be the gateway for many students to successfully complete a U.S. bachelor's degree without having to travel to the United States. The individual courses, degree curriculum, program assessments, and academic services are delivered in the same format as those conducted in our New York campus, ensuring high academic quality and commitment to excellence.

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THE MARIST TRADITION

Marist is an independent liberal arts college, ecumenical in character and committed to excellence in education. It is known as one of the most technologically advanced institutions of higher education in the country as a result of its long-standing partnership with its neighbor, IBM Corporation.

Marist hosts approximately 4,100 traditional undergraduate men and women, 1,100 adult continuing education students, and another 1,000 graduate students. Marist is host to many international students, both graduate and undergraduate. Students from around the world including Canada, China, Germany, India, Japan, Austria, England, Russia, and Turkey have successfully pursued studies at Marist, in New York, Florence and online. Today, more than 25,000 alumni and alumnae around the globe call Marist alma mater.

Founded in 1929, Marist's Flagship campus in New York is located in the middle of the beautiful and historic Hudson River Valley, just 90 miles from metropolitan New York City. More than three hundred years of New York history can be found in Dutchess and the surrounding counties, and it is all offered to area visitors, accompanied by breathtaking views.

The Lorenzo de Medici Florence Campus is located in ten campus buildings (totaling 4800 square meters) in the historic city center, right next to the thriving San Lorenzo market and church and close to transport

facilities. Florence's unique architectural masterpiece, the Duomo, is within a few minutes' walk. Together the LDM buildings contain a full range of facilities including numerous classrooms and large, specialized art studios, a cafeteria, a courtyard garden, the library, the Student Point and the computer center.

RECOGNITION

Marist has received high ratings in national college guides that recognize the college as one of the top institutions of higher education in the country. The Princeton Review named Marist as one of "The Best 361 Colleges." Marist is also consistently ranked by U.S. News and World Reports America's Best Colleges among the top tier of colleges and universities in the northern United States offering bachelor's and master's degrees (sixteenth position in 2005 out of 165 colleges and universities in this category). It is also listed in Barron's Best Buys in College Education. The college was named to the Templeton Honor Roll, a select list of 100 colleges and universities in the USA. Marist College was recognized by CAUSE as one of top four colleges and universities in America in the use of networking technology in and out of the classrooms. Marist now stands within the top eight percent of the colleges and universities in the USA that admit less than 50 percent of the students who apply, showing that a Marist education is highly regarded.

THE LDM-MARIST PARTNERSHIP

Marist College has partnered with Scuola Lorenzo de Medici to offer students the opportunity to receive their four year Marist College Bachelor's Degree in Florence, Italy. The Scuola Lorenzo de' Medici began in 1973 as



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one of the first centers in Florence to specialize in teaching Italian as a foreign language. The school is now one of Italy's leading study abroad institutions, with centers in Florence, Tuscania and Rome. It offers approximately 2,500 students a year the opportunity to live in the midst of Italian culture and share their study experience with others of different nationalities. For the past 15 years Marist and LDM have worked together to offer students first rate study abroad experiences. LDM's expertise in the field of study abroad has given them the knowledge and skills to expertly assist students looking to live and study in Italy.

COURSE WORK

All courses offered as part of the bachelors program, with the exception of Italian Language, are taught in English. LDM offers a comprehensive catalog of over 400 courses that have been approved by Marist College. These courses can be used, as appropriate, to fulfill core, elective and major requirements

FACULTY AND STAFF

Marist International Programs has a program coordinator located in Poughkeepsie dedicated to working with Marist students attending LDM. A Marist resident director, from Poughkeepsie, is located in-city to assist new students through the orientation and adjustment period. The resident director will also assist the student with any issues or concerns that may arise throughout their time in Florence. Students will also be served by the faculty and staff of Lorenzo de Medici, who have been working with Marist students for over 15 years. The faculty is made up of approximately 150 dedicated and qualified instructors. While the majority of the faculty



are of Italian nationality, the international flavor of the Institute is reflected in the appointment of instructors representing a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds. All professors are fluent in English and hold higher degrees from major universities in the US and Europe. The administration and staff at Marist College will assist all Marist College students in New York or Florence with all processes in relation to the student's enrollment at Marist College.

TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

Tuition for the Florence Campus is Euro 6700,00 per semester. Housing for students in Florence is Euro 1600,00 per semester.

US Citizens seeking Financial Aid - Students enrolled in the Florence campus are fully matriculated candidates for the bachelor's degree and are eligible for financial aid as they would be if studying in the New York locations of Marist.

Others seeking Financial Aid - Non-US citizens who are seeking financial aid should contact the Coordinator directly to find out if aid from their home countries can be applied. Limited Scholarships are available on a need basis.

HOUSING

Apartment-style housing in the city of Florence is available through this program. Apartments are fully furnished and include kitchen utensils and bedding.

