

# University of Naples “L’ Orientale”

fall / spring / academic year



archaeology / art history / classical greek / history / italian language / latin / literature / science



## program snapshot

- Begin or continue Italian language study through intensive Italian language courses, whether at a beginning, intermediate, or advanced level
- Take courses in the classics in English
- Visit and participate in Orientale’s ongoing archaeological excavations, and a field trip to Rome or Sicily
- Enjoy excursions to cultural and archaeological attractions in Naples and the Campania region such as Paestum, Pompeii, and Herculaneum

## what you’ll learn

The goals of the CIEE Classical Studies program are to provide students with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the literature and civilization of the ancient Greeks and Romans through English-taught courses and visits to important ancient cultural sites in Naples and the Campania region.

## thoughts from abroad

So much of what is generally regarded and presented abroad as “Italian” turns out to be, actually, Neapolitan: from food to folk songs, from philosophy to the arts, from the negative stereotypes about its society to the stunning appeal of its landscape. It is impossible to understand Italy without trying to understand Naples. Beginning as a town in “greater Greece,” then at the center of the Roman Empire, through North African and European influences, Naples became a powerful capital city and one of the greatest urban realities in eighteenth-century Europe.

By studying in Naples you will have firsthand experience of several layers of ancient civilizations, visiting some of the richest museums and classic art collections in Italy, not to mention the opportunity to explore the abundant, and extremely diverse, archaeological sites both in the city and in the region: Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Cumae are few minutes away, Paestum and Rome an hour or less by train.

But like the mythical Siren from which it takes its original name, Parthenope, the allure of this city is never bland, nor tamed. Napoli is today a city of great contrasts, chaotic and loud like the crowd in its narrow streets, and yet peaceful and silent as its many cloisters; profane and spiritual; post-industrial and yet as magnificent and wild as the beauty of its volcano, its bay, and its islands. If you are looking for an authentic culture, a unique city, and a challenging life experience, Naples is the place for you.

— Resident Director

### About the Resident Director

The CIEE Resident Director supervises and administers this program. The Resident Director also assists students with academic, administrative, and day-to-day matters.

## about naples

Located an hour on the high speed train from Rome, with the ancient Greco-Roman city still visible in its layout, Naples is near well-preserved Greco-Roman remains including Pompeii, Herculaneum, Cumae, and Paestum as well as the underwater archaeological site of Baia. Its history and geographical position at the heart of the Mediterranean have given Naples an advantage as it is a city with many layers of civilization which has always welcomed and absorbed different cultures and peoples. Naples is the home of internationally known museums, cathedrals, and architectural landmarks.

## academics

### Academic Program

The CIEE Study Center at the University of Naples “L’ Orientale” (Orientale) opens in 2010. The Classical Studies program is designed for students focusing on the Classics with a strong interest in deepening their knowledge in an important Classical center through content courses taught in English, an extensive program of local site visits, and Italian language study.

Students with five semesters of college-level Italian or the equivalent may also enroll directly in Orientale’s courses in the Classics or other fields, or in the CIEE Liberal Arts program courses. Students who wish to stay for the academic year, with sufficient Italian, may supplement the CIEE Classics courses with courses from the Liberal Arts program along with Orientale courses.

### Academic Culture

CIEE courses are designed for U.S. undergraduates, and the teaching and learning methods will be familiar to most U.S. students. However, classes are taught by local faculty and require students to work independently outside the classroom. Learning takes place through a coherent blend of lectures, group seminars, visits, and practical work. CIEE class size is small with classes taking place Monday through Friday.

### Nature of Classes

CIEE classes are primarily with CIEE students, although Italian students are invited to enroll. Regular university courses are with Italian and other international students.

### Language Environment

As students gain proficiency in Italian, resident staff encourages them to use their language skills in everyday settings. The more students participate, the more a community that contributes to Italian language proficiency and understanding of Italian society develops.

### Grading System

CIEE course assessment is based on the students’ overall performance, including class participation, essays, and examinations. Students may have a written final examination and/or a final written paper.

Assessment in Orientale classes is based on a combination of students’ performance during the course, including writing assignments and oral examinations. Italian academic culture traditionally emphasizes the final oral examinations, when students are encouraged to answer questions regarding the course materials while articulating a personal perspective on them. However, many courses have now adopted written final tests, or a combination of written tests and oral examinations. Assessment is based on a 30-point scale and converted to a U.S. grading scale.



## where you’ll study

Founded in 1732 by a missionary returned from China, the Università degli studi di Napoli L’ Orientale (University of Naples “L’ Orientale,” or Orientale) is based in historic central Naples. The Orientale is a center for the study of foreign languages and cultures, not only Asian but Middle Eastern, African, Mediterranean, and even North American, that is unique in Italy and has few rivals in Europe. There are approximately 10,500 students and 300 faculty. CIEE students have access to the University’s libraries, computer center, student canteen, and sports facilities.

## living

### Housing and Meals

Students live in shared apartments with CIEE and Italian roommates. The furnished apartments are in, or within walking distance to, the historic center. Students have their own room and small bathroom with a shared living, kitchen, and dining area. Meals are not included in the program fee and are the responsibility of the student.

### Orientation

Each semester begins with a mandatory week long orientation session organized by CIEE resident staff. It includes an academic orientation, an introduction to local customs and culture, information on personal safety, and cultural activities in Naples. Students are paired with Orientale students during the first weeks of the program to serve as cultural and practical guides. During this time, CIEE students begin their intensive Italian language instruction. Ongoing support is provided on an individual and group basis throughout the program.

### Internet

Wireless Internet is available in some University buildings. Computers are available for student use, free of charge, at the University's computer labs in several University buildings around the city. However, these labs have limited hours. Students are encouraged to bring a wireless-enabled laptop.

## immersion

### Student Guides

For the first few weeks of the program, each CIEE student is paired with an Orientale student. The Student Guide helps the CIEE student get to know the historic center of Naples, the University, and helps with bureaucratic processes.

### Language Partners

CIEE students are paired with Orientale students for a variety of language and cultural exchange activities throughout the semester. These students help provide CIEE participants with additional language support and a firsthand look at the lifestyle of their Italian peers.

### University Sports Facilities

CIEE students have access to the sports center, *Centro Universitario Sportivo* (C.U.S.), which is located a short subway ride from the center of the city. C.U.S. is a recently-built University sports center, including indoor and outdoor swimming pools; gyms; professional fields for soccer, rugby, tennis, and track-and-field; basketball and volleyball courts; yoga rooms; and more.

## eligibility

- Overall GPA 2.75
- Major or concentration in Classical Studies

## duration

### Fall

15 weeks: early September–mid-December

### Spring

15 weeks: early February–late May

### Academic Year

34 weeks: early September–late May

## culture

### Cultural Activities and Field Trips

The academic program is supplemented with excursions to local places of interest and cultural activities such as attending local festivals, visits to art museums and cathedrals, and group dinners. Naples itself is home to many museums, churches, and Greco-Roman remains. Visits to nearby sites of interest provide participants with a broader understanding of this region in antiquity. An overnight field trip goes further afield to such places as Rome or Sicily.

## language

### Napoletano

*Napoletano* is a thousand-years-old language currently spoken in the Naples area, and, with some variation, in southern Italy well beyond the city's limits. It has its roots in Latin, but has been forged by many historical occupations and by the encounters of many cultures and people inhabiting Southern Italy: Greeks, Latin Normans, Byzantine, Arabs, Spanish, and French. It has never been the official language of the territory and even today, while it may be considered a dialect, it still inspires a powerful literary, dramatic, and musical tradition. It is not used at the University or official settings, but students are introduced to it in orientation.



## costs

### CIEE Fees

Spring 2010: available 8/15/09

Fall 2010: available 12/15/09

The CIEE fees for 2010 include an optional on-site airport meet and greet, full-time leadership and support, tuition, housing, orientation, cultural activities, local excursions, field trips, pre-departure advising, comprehensive student handbook, and a CIEE iNext travel card, which includes insurance and other travel benefits.

### Estimated Additional Costs (Spring 2010)

Transportation (round-trip based on U.S. East Coast departure)	\$ 1,650
Personal Expenses	\$2,200
Meals	\$2,000
Local Transportation	\$ 300
Books and Supplies	\$ 150
Visa Fee	\$ 110
Potential Travel to Consulate for Visa	\$ 400
<b>Total Estimated Additional Costs</b>	<b>\$ 6,810</b>

Check our website for current fees.

## coursework

### Program Requirements

A full course load for the semester is five courses. All CIEE students enroll in a required, intensive Italian language course at the start of each semester. Following the intensive language session, all students are required to continue their Italian language study at the appropriate level throughout the semester, and take the CIEE core course. Additionally, students select two content courses from the CIEE Classics courses or from Orientale's regular university courses. Students who wish to audit a course may do so in addition to the full course load.

### Credit

Total recommended credit for the semester is 15 semester/22.5 quarter hours, and 30 semester/45 quarter hours for the academic year.

Course contact hours are 45 and recommended credit for all courses is 3 semester/4.5 quarter hours per course, unless otherwise indicated.

### Languages of Instruction

English, Italian, Greek, Latin

### Faculty

Faculty teaching CIEE courses are from the University of Naples "L' Orientale" and other local universities. Orientale courses are taught by Orientale faculty.

## courses

### Required CIEE Language Courses

ITAL 1501 NAEL – Intensive Italian Language, Beginning I

ITAL 1502 NAEL – Intensive Italian Language, Beginning II

ITAL 2501 NAEL – Intensive Italian Language, Intermediate I

ITAL 2502 NAEL – Intensive Italian Language, Intermediate II

These courses provide students with basic skills needed to communicate on a daily basis. They include grammar, conversation, listening, and reading comprehension. Students are placed according to language background.

ITAL 1002 NAEL – Semester Italian Language, Beginning II

ITAL 2001 NAEL – Semester Italian Language, Intermediate I

ITAL 2002 NAEL – Semester Italian Language, Intermediate II

ITAL 3001 NAEL – Semester Italian Language, Advanced I

In these courses, students continue their language study during the semester, after being placed in the appropriate class.

### Required CIEE Core Course

ARCH 3001 NAEL

**Naples and the Ancient Mediterranean: Archaeology in Campania**

Naples and the wider Campania Region have been home to a wide spectrum of cultures that left highly important archaeological traces, stretching over a long time span. Taking advantage of this situation, the course focuses on issues related to the prehistoric, archaic, and classical periods in various Campanian sites. Visits to well-known sites and museums in the region offer students a firsthand knowledge of the archaeological evidence.

### CIEE Classics Courses

AHIS 3001 NAEL

**Art in Naples from the Classical to the Modern Period**

This course studies painting in Naples during the Hellenistic period, Art and Architecture in Naples during the Imperial period, and Sculptors' workshops in Campania during the Imperial period. Illustrated lectures cover the basics of Neapolitan art history, and they include observations of historical styles, technique, and media. Site tours supplement lectures, focusing on the topics discussed in the classroom.

CLAS 3001 NAEL

**Ancient Science and Technology**

This course explores the subject of medicine in the Classical and the Hellenistic ages through the reading of texts regarding dietetics (Hippocrates, *Ancient Medicine, On Regimen*; Galen, *On the Preservation of Health*) and surgery (Hippocrates, *On Fractures, On Joints*; Apollonios, *On Joints*; and A. C. Celsus). The work on Greek and Latin literary sources is supplemented by research on surgical instruments employed by Greek and Roman doctors, on machinery created by Hellenistic surgeons, and on bandage techniques employed in gymnasiums.

### Greek

GREK 2001 NAEL

**Intermediate Classical Greek**

The course aims to provide the skills necessary to understanding and translating texts of intermediate difficulty such as Lysias, *Against Eratosthenes*. This oration is one of the best examples of Attic language from the classical period. His difficulty is enough to challenge the skills of the students, but not so hard to cause problems for an extensive reading of the text. The text is also extremely fascinating from an historical point of view, because in the narration of the speech, Lysias gives a vivid account of the instauration of the tyranny of the so-called Thirty. For these reasons, the reading of this speech reaches two significant results: to improve the students' linguistic competence and to strengthen their knowledge of the Attic history and society of the V century B.C.

GREK 3001 NAEL

**Advanced Classical Greek**

The course examines a wide selection of texts from the *Histories* by Thucydides. Particular attention is devoted to those passages which illustrate the historical thought of the author. At the end of the course, students are familiar with the most important questions posed by the work of Thucydides. After the training on the text of this difficult author, students are able to read with relative speed and precision Attic prose of the V century B.C.



**LITT 3001 NACL/CLAS 3002 NACL****Classical Greek Literature**

This course focuses on the most important questions posed by the study of ancient Greek literature, including: oral and written culture in Greek poetry; shame and guilt: society in the Homeric poems; literary genres and occasions of poetry in the Archaic period: the lyric poets; Greek theater and Athenian society: the social and political function of tragedy and comedy; birth and development of the historical thought from Hecateus to Polybius; Greek oratory of V-IV century B.C.: occasions of delivery, genres, schools; and The Age of book: poems and poetics in the Hellenistic period. Each lesson is based on extensive readings of ancient texts in English translation. At the end of the course students acquire a comprehensive knowledge of Greek literature in a critical perspective.

**Latin****LATN 2001 NACL****Intermediate Latin**

This course is a study on Latin syntax and lexicon and an introduction to the genre of novella through a reading of the famous novella Petronius, *The Widow of Ephesus* from *Satyricon* (in the original language), and specific essays on Latin language.

**LITT 3002 NACL/CLAS 3003 NACL****Advanced Latin Readings**

A landmark of the literature in Latin and an example of a typical Latin genre, Horace's *Satires* introduces the readers to an investigation of the writer's autobiography, his diary, the everyday life characters as well as the philosophy, the poetry, and the moral thought during the last years of the Republic in Rome. This course requires the reading in the original language and the analysis of some *Satires*, together with the study of some critical essays about Horace.

**University of Naples "L' Orientale" Courses**

*The University is well known in Italy as a center for the study of a diverse range of subjects related to different geographical areas and cultures, ranging from Western and Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, to Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Faculties and departments include foreign languages and literature, Arabic-Islamic and Mediterranean Studies, Philosophy and Letters, and Political Science. For specific courses, please visit [www.unior.it](http://www.unior.it) and go to department [facoltà]. CIEE students are associated with the Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, but can enroll in courses from the other facoltà upon agreement of the facoltà and the professor. Students must have the appropriate prerequisites for the course. While exams regular university courses extend into January and June, CIEE students are able to take early exams.*

**Department of Arabic, Islamic, and Mediterranean Studies**

Archaeology, Ethnology, History, Language (Arabic, Berber, Ethiopian, French, Hausa, Persian, Sudanese, Urdu), Law, Literature, Sociology

**Department of Language and Literature****Department of Philosophy and Letters**

Ancient Languages, Archaeology, Architecture, History, Language, Literature, Philology, Philosophy, Religion

**Department of Political Science**