



Safe in Sorrento. Secure Planning for Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs in Italy

Let Sant'Anna Institute's Expertise in Hosting Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs Offer Peace of Mind for Your 2021 FLP!

Hosting and customizing faculty-led programs in Sorrento Italy has been one of Sant'Anna Institute's specialties for more than 20 years. And although the current pandemic has created a lot of uncertainty for the near future, our dedicated staff and faculty, along with our trusted community partners, continue to offer faculty-led programs characterized by a comprehensive health and safety protocol, academic excellence, rich community service learning and an immersion into our southern Italian culture and lifestyle.

Sant'Anna is best known for our ability and flexibility in the design and implementation of high-quality, authentic, and customized study abroad programs. From the very beginning, Sant'Anna Institute, located in the former Sant'Anna Convent, has stood for tradition, heritage, education, and protection. Our culture has always been founded upon the core values of health, safety and wellness and we embrace these values ever more so today.

Here are a few elements of our faculty-led, study abroad programming that can help ease the uncertainty, reduce the risk, and increase the value of planning a future FLP with us here at Sant'Anna.



**Application and
Financial Flexibility**



**Contingency
Plans**



**Health and
Safety Protocol
and Emergency
Assistance**



**Personalized
Services**



Testimonials



Application and Financial Flexibility

We have enhanced our application and financial policies to provide more flexibility and reduce risk for students, faculty, and partners.

- We now offer a 12-Week Model for [Spring 2021](#)
 - January 24-April 17, 2021
 - A full semester of academic opportunities completed within 12-weeks
 - Application deadline: October 30, 2020
 - No student visa required
- We have modified our [application process](#) as follows:
 - Complete the application form you have received by email and submit it with an official transcript, a 1-page personal statement, a passport copy, and the housing application
 - There is no longer the need to apply for and obtain a student visa
 - Extended and flexible deadlines to optimize decision-making window
- We provide free estimates and program outlines for FLP requests.
 - [Request a program proposal](#) to have an outline ready for approval by your institution. We can also customize the proposal with elements required by your institution for review.
 - Proposals also include:
 - Course offerings
 - Accommodation options for faculty and students
 - Academic and cultural excursion possibilities
 - Project Budget



- We have designed local programs in the Sorrento area with enriching academics and cultural immersion in an array of subject areas:

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| ■ Criminology/Sociology | ■ Archaeology/Volcanology |
| ■ International
Politics/Geography/Human Rights | ■ Health Sciences |
| ■ Geography/History of the
Mediterranean | ■ Marine Biology |
| ■ Classics | ■ Food Studies/Nutrition Studies |
| ■ History/Anthropology | ■ Communication
Studies/Journalism |
| ■ Business Studies | ■ Film Studies |
| ■ Tourism and Hospitality | ■ Honors |
| | ■ Law |

Don't see your field here? Request another field to discover the possibilities!

- Our deposit and payment policy has been revised as follows:

Installment Amount	Due Date Initial Payment
Initial Deposit: 30% of Total Program Fee	Due upon initial invoice and no later than 60 Days before the Program Start Date
Final Payment: 70% of Total Program Fee	Due upon final invoice and no later than 45 Days before the Program Start Date

- Our cancellation policy has been revised as follows:
 - Cancellation periods have been revised to allow more time for decision-making with less penalty, allowing for lower risk in planning.

Date of Student Withdrawal	Amount of Refund (% of Per Person Cost)
50-59 Days before Program Start Date	100%
30-49 Days before Program Start Date	90%
15-29 Days before Program Start Date	30%
7-14 Days before Program Start Date	10%
Less than 7 Days before Program Start Date	No refund



Contingency Plans

Sant'Anna has identified four (4) operational scenarios and has prepared contingency plans for each, ensuring the successful delivery of the FLP study abroad experience.

- Scenario 1: Full program onsite at regular density
- **Scenario 2: Full program conducted at reduced density** (*expected*)
- Scenario 3: Campus closure to the public and program delivery online
- Scenario 4: Campus closure, program delivery online and staff work remotely

Scenario 2 allows for the full program to be carried out with health & safety precautions, including social distancing and increased sanitation measures as outlined in the [Sant'Anna Epidemic Prevention Protocol](#).

In the case of Scenario 3 or 4, where onsite program elements such as classes, site visits, or cultural excursions are restricted or cancelled due to an emergence, or resurgence, of a pandemic or other force majeure event, Sant'Anna Institute will provide:

- **Hybrid courses** taught by our expert faculty comprised of a mix of live online instruction and taped lectures, chats and meetings.
- **Virtual guest lectures** by experts in the field.
- **Site visits** with community partners in the area via virtual tours and Q&A sessions.
- **Cultural and lifestyle webinars** to engage students in the fascinating history, lifestyle and contemporary excellence of the region and our excursion sites, such as Capri, Pompeii, and the Amalfi Coast.
- **Customized group service-learning** projects, pertaining to the subject of the course.
- **Unique Student life activities**, including virtual coffee chats, cooking classes, and other cultural-based activities.



Health and Safety Protocol and Emergency Assistance

As part of our larger crisis management plan, Sant'Anna has developed a very detailed and proactive health and safety protocol which includes on-going and emergency procedures and epidemic prevention measures.

- 24/7 security, **after-hours onsite support staff**, and restricted campus access.
- **24/7 access** to English-speaking medical specialists.
- On-staff **doctor and nurse**.
- On-staff **safety engineer**.
- Dedicated [Health and Safety Webpage](#) and communication network.
- Scheduled and periodic **comprehensive sanitation, disinfectant, and hygiene** practices.
- Fully **trained staff** are equipped with the knowledge and authority to assist with epidemic-related protocol, including:
 - Scheduling **covid-19 testing** for symptomatic persons.
 - **Last-minute flight and transport** planning assistance.
 - **Emergency accommodations** for isolation and quarantining.
 - [Epidemic Prevention Plan](#) which follows Italian national and regional regulations and US CDC guidelines.
 - Access and coordination of **professional mental health services** upon request.
 - Integrated relationships with local **fire, police and healthcare** providers and facilities.



Personalized Services

Because our programs are customized for each FLP, they benefit from the flexibility of personalized attention and design. Faculty leaders are fully supported by our administrative and academic staff to source and coordinate the best solutions for program logistics.

- **24/7 Access** to Sant'Anna staff.
- Each Faculty-Led Program has a **dedicated Sant'Anna Coordinator** who serves as a liaison for all program logistics and emergencies.
- Our Faculty-Led Programs also receive personalized attention from our **President and Sant'Anna Leadership Team**, including our Academic Director, Study Abroad Coordinator, Internship & Service-Learning Coordinator, and Student Life Coordinator.
- We regularly share a **Sant'Anna Response & Measures Newsletter** with health, safety and pandemic and policy updates covering issues surrounding the internal, local and international environments.
- **Online pre-orientation and live on-site orientation sessions** are provided for each FLP group, including a section dedicated to health and safety - and in particular to COVID-19 policies.
- **The Residence Hall** and all classrooms are conveniently located within the Institute campus eliminating a commute from accommodation to class.



Testimonials

*“As Italy began to experience the effects of the world-wide pandemic in late February 2020, the staff at Sant’Anna was **in constant contact** with me as I was traveling through Lombardy and Veneto – two of the hardest hit provinces. This allowed me to **share real-time information** with my administration back in Alfred and students who were scattered throughout Europe on our Spring Break. In a very short period of time, the staff was able to pull together a re-entry plan for students returning to Sant’Anna that included **several meetings to answer questions and calm nerves**. There was also **a re-assuring lecture from a local Virologist, and daily temperature screenings**. The re-entry plan quickly evolved into a departure plan as students began to be called back by their home institutions. Again, the staff coordinated this all in an organized fashion with a high degree of professionalism, **going above and beyond** in the face of uncertainty for their own institution and country.”*

*The Sant’Anna staff, top to bottom, has been the most **customer-oriented** and accommodating group of education professionals I have had the pleasure of working with in my 20 years in higher education. In addition, they are just a very nice group of people who make it clear every day **that they love what they do**. There is literally no problem too big or too small where they are willing to lend their expertise to find a solution. The exceptional assistance begins in the planning stages and continues to the coordinated departure of students at the conclusion of the program. Throughout the duration of the program, the staff members consistently communicate with faculty and students alike to make sure that all participants have the **best experience** possible. While I have felt well-supported as a faculty leader, the fact that the staff’s support extends to my students makes my job that much easier.*

- Dr. Bill Dean, Professor of Architecture & Design,
Alfred State College

*“Simply put, the Town of Sorrento is **clean and safe**. I never once worried about the safety of my students. I never once worried about my safety. **The Italian culture absolutely values cleanliness and beauty**. So do the people of Sorrento, especially those in the service industry. **It’s clearly about pride**. There are many examples I could list, however, every night, when the townspeople sleep, city workers quietly sweep the streets for any trace of unwanted debris, etc. It’s as though the **storybook reopens**, uninterrupted, like clockwork, the next day.”*

- Dr. Anna Bulszewicz, Lecturer of Journalism & Strategic Communication,
- St. Bonaventure University



*“Although, our program at the University of Miami conducted its own academic classes, we utilized Sant'Anna staff for supplemental lectures on local culture, politics and also language instruction. **The quality of the teaching was outstanding across the board. Faculty are very professional and enthusiastic.**”*

*“Sant'Anna has a tremendous facility with modern conveniences and updated technology. It is in a beautiful historical building but has been completely updated with a beautiful dorm and attached communal kitchens on each floor of the living space. The views from the classrooms and dorms look out over the harbor or into the surrounding mountains. **All of the staff is very helpful. They have proven themselves to be extremely professional and go above and beyond to make students' experiences truly special. Sant'Anna is a great place to develop and/or improve one's skills in the most perfect setting imaginable.**”*

- Dr. David F Spigelman, Lecturer, (Herbert Business School)
- University of Miami

[Sant'Anna Institute](https://www.santannainstitute.com), founded in 1998 and located in Sorrento Italy, specializes in providing student study abroad programs in partnership with American universities, educational travel programs for adults, Italian language for foreigners, and foreign languages for Italians.

For more information about our FLP programs and fields of study, please visit:

<https://www.santannainstitute.com/faculty-led-programs-flp/>.

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