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Administrative Board of the College of Arts & Sciences

Dear Colleagues:

The Study Abroad Office submits for your approval a proposal for the establishment of a new program, **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Milan**, to be offered beginning **Fall 2019** and continuing annually.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Host Organization/University: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Host Organization/University Website: <http://www.ucscinternational.it/academics/semester-programs/study-abroad-at-cattolica-in-italy>

Proposed Program Type: Direct Enrollment

Program Terms Available: Summer, Academic Year, Fall Semester, Spring Semester

Rationale: The appeal of USCS program is two-fold: 1) this program is based in an Italian University and it enrolls Italian students as well as other international students from across Europe and the rest of the world. Our students would not be taking courses only with US students. 2) the cost will be less than the other Italian program options in Milan.

For a number of years we have been sending students on our LdM program in Florence, Italy. We know that Florence has a very high number of U.S based programs and students have noted this fact. We have also seen a growing interest in other cities of Italy and Milan, in northern Italy, is one such city. We currently have an exchange agreement with the Università Bocconi (for Economics majors) and a summer internship program through IES in Milan and enrollment has grown significantly over the last two years.

Target Audience/Major & Discipline: We believe students wishing to have a more immersive experience, while still taking courses in English, will be attracted by this program. They will have a curriculum based in the Liberal Arts with many interesting courses that may fulfill general education requirements but also major and minor requirements. The program's eligibility requirement is junior status since some of the courses offered will have prerequisites. If a student wishes to take courses in Italian, there is a bilingual option where students would be taking university courses with Italian students.

Class Standing Eligibility: Junior



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Anticipated Number of Students: 5 - 10

PROGRAM ACADEMICS

Minimum GPA Requirement: 3.0 but 2.75 will be considered

Learning Objectives: We hope that by offering this program, students will be able to take courses that will transfer for their majors and minors. Since these will be students in their third year of study, the courses taken will be of a higher level in the subject area and we believe students will be led to develop more analytical, and critical thinking skills. An additional objective is, with a more immersive and international environment, students will gain a more open perspective and better understanding of global issues and also more intercultural communication skills.

Academic Options Available: The English curriculum offers courses in: Business and Economics, International Relations, Italian Culture: Literature, Theatre, Cinema, Music and Philosophy, Fashion and Design, Media, Communications, Sociology and Psychology. The mixed (Italian and English) curriculum allows students to take courses in English in the above named departments as well as International Management, Banking and Finance but may also choose to take those courses in Italian. Students will be required to take an Italian course which is included in the fees. Students have an option between an intensive course which takes place before the semester starts or a Semester course. Students are placed in the right level after taking a placement test.

Academic Instruction: Courses will be taught mostly in the classroom. Certain Psychology courses also include a Service Learning component.

Transcripts & Credit Transfer: Although UCSC uses ECTS credits to determine the value of the course, the University will send a transcript using 3 US credits for a course of 45 contact hours. UCSC uses 6 ECTS = 3 US credits. Students will receive transfer credit at UNC.

PROGRAM LOGISTICS:

Services Provided: All services, activities, and student support are coordinated by the UCSC International Office.

Excursions/Activities Available: Students enrolled in this program will be connected to the Erasmus Student Network, an organization which organizes cultural events and excursions on a regular basis for students.

Orientation Activities: UCSC International offers two orientation events at the beginning of each semester. Students are guided through selecting and registering for courses, a guided tour of campus, meet with students associations on campus, and also receive their student ID card.



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Anticipated Accommodations: Students from universities with a written agreement with UCSC, may have guaranteed housing through the Milano International Living Service. This service offers a selection of housing options: "single or shared rooms in a residence half off-campus or fully furnished apartments with wifi, basic utilities, a cleaning service, basic cable television and other amenities such as kitchenware.

HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

Health Insurance: The Study Abroad Office coordinates with the Office of Risk Management Services to enroll student and faculty participants in international accident and health insurance through GeoBlue for the duration of the program.

Safety & Risk Information: Italy currently is listed as Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution due to terrorism and all European countries remain potentially vulnerable to attacks from transnational terrorist organizations. Although there have been multiple terrorist attacks in the Europe during the past year, none have been reported in Milan, which is located in northern Italy. The country has a moderate rate of crime, especially for theft and economic crimes; gangs of thieves and pick-pocketing operate at major tourist destinations, on trains, and in public transportation; violent crimes are rare. Italy also has several major earthquake fault lines, mostly in the central areas. The Italian Civil Protection agency has a robust capability to assist Italians and foreigners in the area of a natural disaster. This program does work closely with a select number of housing services and agencies. As with all programs, we strongly recommend that students register with STEP.

Health Information: Health Officials in Italy have reported an outbreak of measles therefore the CDC recommends that travelers to Italy protect themselves by making sure they are vaccinated against measles.

Required Vaccinations (if applicable): The CDC recommends that all travelers to Italy be up to date with their routine vaccinations.

Local Medical Facilities: UCSC has a health centre available to students free of charge. General and specialist and preventative medical care are available to students. Other clinics with English speaking services are available in Milan. Students are encouraged to purchase the National Health Insurance which gives them the same access given to Italian citizens. UCSC has put in place a Risk Management Protocol in case of any emergency.

Health, safety, and security information will be presented to students during the required UNC pre-departure orientation.



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CONCLUSION

A letter of support from a campus academic department in support of this program is included in as an addendum to this proposal.

We are happy to provide any additional information necessary for your review of this program. Thank you for your time and your support of global opportunities for Carolina students.

Sincerely,

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August 22, 2018

I am writing in support of the proposed study abroad program in Milan, Italy at the University Cattolica Sacro Cuore. The most popular area concentration within the Global Studies major is Western Europe, so efforts to increase UNC's study abroad offerings there are most welcome. From what I understand of the program, it will offer a range of interesting courses in English and Italian, many of which will be appropriate for our majors to take.

Therefore, Global Studies happily endorses this program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, at jweiler@email.unc.edu, or by phone at 919 962-0491.

Sincerely,

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