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In my words: *It had always been my one dream in life to go to Italy, and in truth, exclusively for the food. As a transfer student, I was skeptical of the ability for me to study abroad, but UCEAP made it possible for me to go in the summer and finally experience the accumulated worth that Italy has to offer. Ultimately,*

I departed with more than just a full stomach and pleased palate, because in discovering the cultural, social, and historical realms of Italy, alongside living with my Italian family in the home that I know now as Firenze, I returned with an appreciation for the simplest aspects of life, and rekindled the desire to experience the world at large.

**Ask Joseph about his homestay experience!*

Kathleen Menz

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In my words: *UCEAP provided all the tools I needed in order to thrive in a new environment. The intensive language program in Florence allowed me to take what I was learning in the classroom and use it directly in my day to day life while there. The experiences I had and relationships I built are truly unique and will stay with me throughout the rest of my life.*



Min Ji Lee

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In my words: *I've always wanted to travel to Italy and learn their beautiful history by experiencing it myself. UCEAP offered a great program where I could learn the language through living in Italian culture. 8 weeks in Florence, Italy is an experience I will never forget.*

Kenia Cruz

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In my words: *Traveling has always been a desire of mine, particularly through Europe. In High School I told a best friend of mine that one day I will visit Pompeii. When deciding what country I wanted to study abroad in, Italy was my only choice. Studying abroad in Florence and traveling throughout the country and Europe, I discovered how much I love traveling and the happiness it evoked inside of me. Florence offered so much rich history, food, art, natural beauty, and did I mention PASTA. If I could only give one piece of advice to college students it would be to study*



abroad, and what better place than Florence, Italy.



Alexandra Bowers

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In my words: *I chose to study abroad in Florence with UCEAP because I've always wanted to learn Italian both inside and outside of the classroom. Florence was the perfect fit for me -- a beautiful city full of delicious food, and home to some of the kindest people I have ever met.*

**Ask Alexandra about her homestay experience!*

Rachel Plasterer

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In my words: *When choosing programs I picked Florence because it's a city full of rich history that you can quickly navigate and feel like you belong, while also having easy access to other wonderful cities throughout Europe. I loved having the chance to reach out of my learning comfort zone and expand my horizons with language and culture classes instead of my typical science coursework. Oh, and people are not lying about Italian food either...I still dream about it.*



Yinting Li

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In my words: *I enjoyed "Eat, Pray, Love" in Florence, Italy this summer. Tasty food (especially gelato!), mysterious religion, and friendly people make Florence a passionate city that can give you a lot of great memories. And thanks for UCEAP, which helped me find the right place to study abroad at the right time.*

Angela Alexanian

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In my words: *The UCEAP Florence Program was everything I was looking for in a study abroad program. Not only was I immersed in the amazing city of Florence where I got to learn the beautiful Italian language, but I was also surrounded by new culture - delicious food, interesting people, renaissance art, and centuries of history. In addition, UCEAP made the whole process of applying and enrolling so seamless and easy. Thanks to this program, I'll never forget my incredible summer adventure in Italy!*

