

ART ADVISING - Description - 2018-2019

Art Advising at the California State University International Program in Florence consists of the following:

PLP: The professor prepares the studio art students to enter the Accademia di Belle Arti di Firenze. Focus is on improving all drawing, painting and sculpture methods and techniques. Drawing the nude figure, painting analysis and techniques, sculpture methods, etc. Writing short essays about one's personal artwork in English and in Italian regarding art history in the Renaissance and in contemporary and modern art.

Fall semester: There will be a mandatory group meeting once a week to critique and analyze the work of the students. The advisor will supervise and assist the studio art students together in his or her relationship with their Accademia professors.

Spring semester: There will be a mandatory group meeting once a week to critique and analyze the work of the students. The advisor will assist students in their preparations for Final Exams at the Accademia and at the Scuola del Nudo. The advisor will also oversee the organization of the CSU/Accademia End of the Year CSU Group Art Exhibition. CSU students will be involved in creating the design and graphics of the catalog, the invitations and the poster for this show. The students are also responsible for any photos necessary for the catalog.

Collaboration with the Education Department, Palazzo Strozzi – Our students will participate in special thematic projects organized by Palazzo Strozzi - to be explained by the advisor.

Creative Lab – Different art critics and museum studies experts will be invited to critique and analyze student work. There will be 4 seminars during the Spring semester.

During the entire year, the group will visit different art exhibitions in Florence. Also, regular demonstrations of painting, sculpture and drawings techniques will be provided. Art Advising includes and focuses on the cultural context of modern and contemporary art works as well as in-depth discussions regarding the art in Florence: Renaissance, Mannerism, Baroque, etc.