

ICC Scholarship Blog: Bologna


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Greetings!

I hope you are all having a great autumn in Minneapolis. Here's another update from Bologna!

This month, I was able to finally settle into a routine. I have gotten a better grip on the Italian university system and worked toward making study plans for myself, as homework assignments are not common here. I have begun taking quizzes and presenting oral exams, which are not nearly as scary as I feared they would be. Most professors at UNIBO are used to working with the large population of international students and tend to be helpful and understanding.

I have also been here long enough now to find my favorite places to study or hang out and have a coffee. My favorite spot in Bologna is Giardini Margherita, which is a large park with a public greenhouse where you can sit inside and study for free! There is even a vegetarian *caffè* with greenhouse seating. Giardini Margherita also has a nice paved path where I can ride my skateboard for some physical activity, and sometimes there are food trucks on the weekends. My favorite is the Sicilian food truck with a large array of southern Italian desserts.

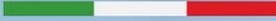
Just this week, I started an internship teaching English to 12- and 13-year-olds at a middle school in the city. They are in their second year of English and beginning to learn the simple past tense. It has been a great experience to not only get this look at a part of Italian life that I would otherwise never see, but also to be on the "other side" of language learning in a sense. It has certainly deepened my appreciation for my Italian language teachers. The students also have many curiosities about The United States, and especially about Halloween!

In early October I travelled with two of my friends to Florence, only a 30-minute train ride from Bologna on *Freccia Rossa*, the fast train. The city was beautiful, and I especially enjoyed wandering off onto the extravagant neighborhoods on the periphery.

In November, I will complete my midterms and hopefully have a chance to travel to more cities!

All the best,
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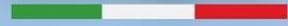


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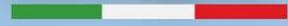
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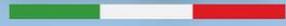
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