

Founded by the people of Chalcidice in 729 B.C. on the bare lavic ground, Catania is known as "the black pearl of the Ionian sea" as the city rises in a wonderful strip of rocky coast, where the black Aetnean basaltic stone shapes a high and indented cliff. It sits at the foot of the tallest and only active volcano of Europe, Mount Etna. The volcano is 3,300 meters in height above the sea level. Etna offers various attractions and tourist structures, such as a skiing system, a wonderful golf course and numerous hotels and high altitude shelters. Along the 5 kms of tourist beach, there are 42 bathing establishments, 3 touristic resorts and 2 hotels as well as various accommodations and restaurant services.

AU College of Liberal Arts has established a student exchange program with its counterpart at University of Catania, which is comprised of scholars from different disciplines such as Classics, Philology, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Arts, Literature and Communication. Founded in 1434 on the coast of Sicily, the University is also a leading Euro-Med Center created by the Department of Political Studies to develop research on Euro-Med relations, comparative politics, and international relations. The University of Catania aims at offering students the possibility of growing from the human and scientific point of view. It is meant as a laboratory in which the ancient knowledge of the Mediterranean culture meets the new technologies in order to receive an original and advanced training in a hospitable and generous city, which has been for centuries the meeting point of relations between the East and the West.

Program Details:

- Options for semester- or year-long exchanges
- Open to all majors in the College of Liberal Arts
- Courses taught in English or Italian
- Option for intensive Italian courses tailored to foreign students
- Full time is 12 hours for undergraduates, 9 hours for graduate students
- Must have a 2.5 gpa for undergraduates, 3.0 for graduate students
- Housing provided in University of Catania dorms at 180 euros per month
- Cost of meals is 2.50 euros each with related card which is issued upon arrival
- Pay Auburn University tuition while getting to attend University abroad!
- Options for many excursions to visit historical sites in Italy
- Full immersion into the local culture
- Application Deadline s
 - o Fall Semester 1st week of June
 - Spring Semester 1st week of December

For more information, please visit the program website:

https://studyabroad.auburn.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10889
Or http://www.cla.auburn.edu/cla/cce/abroad-opportunities/italy/

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