



Dear Student,

If a picture is worth a thousand words, I guess I'm already 3,000 words into my message, but I believe I'll add a few more anyway 😊.

It was my privilege and pleasure to spend the spring 2014, fall 2015, and fall 2017 semesters on the faculty with the CIMBA-Italy Study Abroad program. The experience was fabulous in every way, and I encourage you to seriously consider this opportunity for your academic, cultural, and personal growth.

The CIMBA campus is located an hour from Venice in Paderno del Grappa, Italy, a quaint community that offers an authentic Italian experience, and I taught various Financial and Managerial Accounting courses. Classes are smaller than is typical for these courses at UNL, which allows for a more personal, interactive classroom as well as extracurricular experience, and I very much enjoyed it all. The "extracurricular" included three formal gourmet dinner evenings with the entire faculty and student body, pizza making and pasta making in smaller groups at local ristorante's, tours of local manufacturing companies, and hikes up Monte Grappa (fairly strenuous) and near the local town of Asolo (more modest), each of which offer exercise, casual dialogue, and *truly* stunning views of the local spectacular scenery!

CIMBA offers two quite unique opportunities, one of which is the travel time built in to the full semester program: Rome, Florence, Milan, Verona, Cinque Terre, the Amalfi Coast all in Italy to name a few, and London, Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Prague, Munich and so much more throughout Europe. These or others can be visited on a quick weekend, or for a more extensive time during the four-day travel weekends and the full travel week specifically built in to the semester schedule.

A second unique opportunity is personal growth and development. You can have an invaluable academic experience many places in the U.S. and around the world ... no less the case with CIMBA-Italy. But the CIMBA personal development emphasis and activities are quite unique and you will take home with you a greater self-awareness, self-confidence, and appreciation of life and of others than when you arrived.

So ... I encourage you to consider a study abroad experience with the CIMBA-Italy program. Both full semester and summer programs are offered, scholarships/financial assistance are available, and all of the credits transfer back to UNL. To learn more, go to cimbaitaly.com (and check out student experiences at "Study Abroad" -> "Study Abroad Newsletters"), and/or visit the with Amy Lester with International Business, and/or go to [youtube.com/user/CIMBALife](https://www.youtube.com/user/CIMBALife).

Thank you, God Bless, and I wish you the Very Best in all things!

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