The Siena School for Liberal Arts, located in Tuscany, offers a unique study abroad experience for American college students. Since 2005 the Deaf Studies Department has ambitiously worked with the Italian and American Deaf community. Although the summer programs continue to be the highlight of the Department, the Department now offers a full semester program providing ASL users an opportunity to learn Italian Sign Language (LIS) and Italian Deaf culture in Italy. While the School welcomes students from all over the United States, the School has agreements with Gallaudet University, RIT/NTID, University of New Mexico, Purdue University and Columbia College Chicago. Our Italian collaborations include the ENS (National Deaf Association), CGSI (National Deaf Youth Association), ANIOS (National Interpreting Association) and the Mason Perkins Deafness Fund (MPDF).

**SPRING SEMESTER: JANUARY 26 - MAY 18 2012**

**SEMESTER ABROAD FOR AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE USERS**

An opportunity for all ASL users to study abroad for an entire semester is difficult to find. However, by providing language access to Deaf students during a regular semester and a Deaf Studies track to hearing students, the Siena School offers an innovative way for ASL users to broaden their horizons. Inviting all ASL users to join in this unique occasion, the Spring 2012 Semester promises to be a linguistic and cultural eye-opening experience.

**JULY 3 - JULY 25 2012**

**LIS, ITALIAN & ITALIAN DEAF CULTURE**

Since 2007, we offer hearing students with the equivalent of four semesters of ASL the unique opportunity to learn a foreign language and culture related to the Deaf-World. By learning a second sign language, students gain a fresh perspective on their understanding of ASL as a visual and spatial language. Students live in apartments in or near the city center and are responsible for their own meals. Credit at home institution is possible if prearranged.

**JULY 3 - JULY 25 2012**

**LIS, ITALIAN & CULTURAL STUDIES**

For students who are unable to study abroad for a full semester, this 3-week program provides Deaf students the opportunity to learn a foreign sign language and foreign Deaf culture. Italian and Italian Sign Language are taught in sign language by Deaf teachers. Students live in apartments in or near the city center and are responsible for their own meals. Credit at home institution is possible if prearranged.

**JULY 10 - JULY 25 2012**

**LIS & CULTURAL STUDIES FOR ADULT PROFESSIONALS**

Established in 2009, this 2-week intensive program focusing on LIS and cultural studies is a rare opportunity. The program allows Deaf and hearing adult professionals to reexamine their linguistic and cultural expertise while they experience learning sign language all over again. For an additional cost, students can take an optional Italian class. RID CEUs and other professional development hours are possible if prearranged.
GENERAL INFORMATION, APPLICATION & CONTACT INFO

Program cost includes tuition, accommodation, and all program fees. It does not include airfare and all personal expenses (meals depending on program, extracurricular activities, weekend travel, etc.).

Students are expected to meet the Siena School staff in Siena at a specific time on the day the program begins. A short orientation will precede the beginning of all programs. The Siena School provides lodging from the first to the last day of the program. Students may make their own arrangements if they wish to arrive early or extend their stay in Siena.

For more information about each program (syllabi, detailed program costs, etc) and to request an application, please contact info@sienaschool.com or visit www.sienaschool.com.

SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD FOR AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE USERS

DATES  . Spring Semester: Jan 26 - May 18, 2012
PROGRAM COST  . 10,800 € (including tuition, 4 month accommodation in a double room, and program fees)
              . For an extra 2,000 €, students can choose to live in home-stays with Italian families.
APPLICATION DEADLINE  . Spring Semester: Nov 1, 2011
CONTACT HOURS  REGULAR SEMESTER  . Italian Language and Culture (Italian Language: 129 hrs; Italian Culture: 36 hrs)
              . 3 elective courses: each course ranges between 36-60 hrs
DEAF STUDIES TRACK  . Italian Language and Culture (Italian Language: 129 hrs; Italian Culture: 36 hrs)
              . LIS & Deaf Studies (LIS: 54 hrs; Italian Deaf Culture: 18 hrs; Independent Study: 24 hrs)
              . Elective course: ranges between 36-60 hrs

REQUIREMENTS  . ASL II or equivalent. Good academic standing

LIS, ITALIAN & ITALIAN DEAF CULTURE FOR HEARING STUDENTS

PROGRAM COST  . 2,450 € (including tuition, accommodation in a double room, and program fees)
APPLICATION DEADLINE  . April 1, 2012
CONTACT HOURS  . LIS (Italian Sign Language): 40 hrs
              . Italian Deaf Culture: 25 hrs
              . Italian Language: 25 hrs

REQUIREMENTS  . ASL IV or equivalent. Good academic standing

LIS, ITALIAN & CULTURAL STUDIES FOR DEAF STUDENTS

PROGRAM COST  . 2,450 € (including tuition, accommodation in a double room, cell phone rental, and program fees)
APPLICATION DEADLINE  . April 1, 2012
CONTACT HOURS  . LIS (Italian Sign Language): 40 hrs
              . Italian Deaf Culture: 25 hrs
              . Italian Language: 25 hrs

REQUIREMENTS  . Good academic standing

LIS & CULTURAL STUDIES FOR DEAF AND HEARING ADULT PROFESSIONALS

PROGRAM COST  . 1,650 € (including tuition, accommodation in a double room, and program fees)
              . 1,800 € (including tuition, accommodation in a single room or with a host-family, and program fees)
              . 1,200 € (including tuition and program fees. Students are responsible for their own accommodation)
APPLICATION DEADLINE  . April 1, 2012
CONTACT HOURS  . LIS (Italian Sign Language): 40 hrs
              . Italian Deaf Culture: 20 hrs

REQUIREMENTS  . Professional involvement in the Deaf-World