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### **GATORS IN FLORENCE: CJC STUDY ABROAD 2018**

GAINESVILLE, Fla.— The University of Florida’s College of Journalism and Communications Study Abroad Program is traveling to Italy for four weeks in May of 2018. Seven faculty members will travel with about 120 students to Florence, with side trips to cities like Venice, Rome and Sorrento.

Students can apply for this program by filling out the online application on the program’s website. Once the application is submitted, students must turn in an \$800 deposit to the UF International Center to be considered for this program and to hold their spot.

The applications opened on Thursday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m., after the CJC held a program information session. Although the planned 100 student spots filled up within the first three hours of the application opening, the program now has more spots, as the availability was expanded by 20 spots due to increased interest.

The overall cost of the trip, including tuition, class-related tour expenses, housing and some meals, is \$6,178. There are also competitive scholarships and student loans that students can apply for. Additionally, if students would like to travel with the group, there is a group airfare available for an estimated \$1,200, round-trip.

Although this trip is facilitated through the University of Florida’s CJC, students from around the country and of all majors are welcome to apply for this program.

Students can take up to six credits while abroad. There are many classes offered, including courses within the CJC and courses specific to studying abroad. All are UF classes and can help students earn their degree. Classes are available to freshmen through seniors, as well as graduate students. A full list of courses can be found under Courses tab on the program’s website.

In Florence, students will be living in apartments instead of staying in hotels, which is less expensive and more relaxed.

“I would say what students are going to get from it is literally lifelong friendships, and just a chance to get a different perspective on the world,” said Kim Walsh-Childers, a UF journalism professor and one of the faculty going on the trip. “In the United States in particular, we have a tendency to be a little insular, we tend to think everybody in the world thinks the same way we do, and they don’t.”

The College of Journalism and Communications is an academic college of the University of Florida, comprised of four majors: advertising, journalism, public relations and telecommunications. The CJC Study Abroad Program provides an exciting opportunity for students to develop critical thinking skills and overall independence, while taking courses that will further their

education in their specific field of study. Study abroad is a unique and transformative experience that will open students' eyes to the world, different cultures, foods, museums, historical locations and other exciting experiences.

For more information, a live stream of the information session and access to the application, visit the CJC Study Abroad website at <http://www.gatorabroad.com>. For questions, contact the program coordinator, Amanda Kastrinos, at [ak.gatorabroad@gmail.com](mailto:ak.gatorabroad@gmail.com).

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