



Bergamo, Italy

Colorado State University-Pueblo's study abroad program in Bergamo, Italy is for motivated and mature students who choose to be challenged, both academically and personally. The program provides an authentic cultural immersion and promotes understanding and appreciation of cultural differences.



Bergamo is located in Northern Italy in Lombardy, the most populated of the country's 20 regions. The city is about a 40 minute train ride from metropolitan Milan. Bergamo is essentially divided into two distinct cities: the ancient upper city, known as Città Alta, and the lower city known as Città Bassa.

Bergamo is on a hill near the base of the Alps and was founded by the Celts who called it, Bergheim, meaning “hill town.”





CSU-Pueblo students enroll at the Università degli Studi di Bergamo and receive a total of 12 to 15 university credits for successful completion of one semester of coursework abroad. Students can enroll in classes in Business, Law, Engineering, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Education and Humanities. Most courses are taught in Italian, though each semester a few classes are conducted in English. Foreign Language students can also take advanced courses in French and Spanish.

The University of Bergamo offers a wide range of courses and hosts several international students from around the world each semester.

For more information go to:

<http://www.unibg.it/>

(L'Università degli Studi di Bergamo)

http://www.unibg.it/en_index.asp

(English version of website)



Students typically live in apartments either in the upper or lower city. They may choose to live alone or with other international students. Once accepted to the Italian university, a student will be able to access its university housing website.



There are several good restaurants and inexpensive pizzerias in the Città Alta and the Città Bassa. Here is a picture of one of the most popular pizzerias in the city.

Mmmm, la pizza e' buona!





A few of the main gastronomic specialties of the city include: its famous polenta taragna, hearty yellow risotto and casonsei (meat-filled ravioli) or casoncelli (ravioli filled with tangy sausage and topped with butter, bacon and sage). Visitors shouldn't leave Bergamo without trying the hearty and delicious regional cuisine. Che buono!

These little Polenta e Osei cakes are a signature dessert of Bergamo and can be found throughout the city in traditional bakeries and pastry shops.



Students are encouraged to travel while living and studying abroad. A very popular destination near Bergamo is the scenic Lago d'Iseo. This charming lake is situated near the foot of the Italian Alps. Nature lovers come here to hike and enjoy the scenery along with its fresh air and stunning views.





Nearby Milan--Italy's second-largest city--is exciting for its art, museums, food and fashion. Don't miss the Piazza del Duomo, with its famous gothic cathedral and the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II for the best shopping. The Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie houses Leonardo da Vinci's *Last Supper*. Some of the cities discotheques are the biggest in all of Italy.



Bergamo was associated with Venice from 1428-1797 and its influence is noted in the Venetian symbol of the lion of St. Mark's carved into buildings throughout the city. Venetian style architecture is evident in several of the Città Alta's monuments.



The old hilltop town is an attraction worth relishing. It hosts beautiful churches, towers, plazas, museums, libraries and a botanical garden in addition to breathtaking views of the city below.



The Galleria dell'Accademia Carrara is Bergamo's most important art museum, housed in a neo-classical palace and containing masterpieces by Botticelli, Pisanello, Dürer, Bellini, Raphael, Veronese, Titian, Tintoretto, Tiepolo, Bruegel, and many others.



In the heart of the Città Alta sits the historic Piazza Vecchia, one of the most charming plazas in all of Italy. It is enclosed by a ring of striking medieval and Renaissance buildings, including the Biblioteca Civica, a 12th-century tower, the Palazzo Ragione and an attractive fountain at its center.



Bergamo's Piazza Duomo is also a must see. The Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore, along with the elegant Cappella Colleoni, are masterpieces of Italian architecture.



