The Umbra Institute - Perugia, Italy
Housing Information and Form

The Umbra Institute will provide you with housing in Perugia. This information sheet will give you a general idea of the living arrangements and what you can expect. You have chosen a unique and wonderful experience but remember you have chosen an experience that will most likely not be like anything you have experienced. Italy has a long history and building structures have evolved through many centuries so be prepared for a totally unique and exciting experience!

**Housing Options**
There are two housing options:
1. Housing provided by the Umbra Institute (apartments)
2. Independent arrangements

**Housing Provided by the Umbra Institute - Apartments**
The Umbra Institute will lease a number of student apartments in central Perugia. Requests for specific locations or buildings cannot be accommodated.

The Umbra Institute wants your housing experience in Perugia to be as comfortable as possible. This can be achieved with your cooperation and understanding. Please be sure to read the following information carefully. Speak to your program coordinator if you have any questions.

The Umbra Institute will select apartments on the basis of cost, comfort, safety, cleanliness, and convenience. As housing changes from year to year, don’t base your expectations on reports from former students. Facilities will vary from apartment to apartment. Housing will include basic kitchen utensils such as dishes, cutlery, pots, and pans. Some landlords provide extras for our students, such as televisions, phones, dishwashers and clothes washers, but **these items should not be expected**. As these items are not part of the basic standards, we cannot guarantee their presence or take responsibility for their upkeep or repair. **Please remember, there is no way to guarantee uniformity of apartment and room sizes, distance from the Institute, furnishings, or extra facilities; these are regular residential apartments owned and rented out by individuals.**

Apartments should house between 2 – 8 students. If you are in the General Studies Program, your roommates will typically be other North American students studying at the Umbra Institute. To provide a complete immersion in Italian language, students who select the **Italian Language & Culture Program (full immersion)** option will be housed with other intensive learners of Italian, not with American students pursuing other Umbra Institute learning options. Students will most often be allocated double rooms, but some apartments may have single and triple rooms. Remember, you may be sharing your learning and living experience with international students and their expectations and customs may be different from yours.

All apartments will have kitchen and bathroom facilities. Occasionally, there may also be a lounge area. Bathrooms in Italy typically include a sink, a bidet, and a shower box (without a tub) or a tub with a hand-held showerhead and no curtain. You will quickly learn how not to flood the bathroom! Hot water is regulated by small heaters and, therefore runs out quickly. Apartments are heated during winter, but you should understand that Italian homes are not kept as warm as homes in the U.S. and you might not have control over the temperature or when the heat is turned on/off in your building. Apartments also usually do not have wall-to-wall carpeting and may have only small area rugs or no rugs at all, as Italians clean their floors regularly. Also, be prepared for the fact that apartments in Italy do not have air conditioning (electricity is very expensive).

Reports regarding repairs, basic supplies, and any personal or group problems which may arise should be addressed to the Umbra Institute promptly, early in the day to allow time to contact the proper persons and to arrange for help and repairs and also allow reasonable time for the Institute to resolve the situation. **Remember you are living in a foreign country and time schedules for various services are different from what you are used to in the U.S.**

Apartments, rooms, and storage spaces are considerably smaller and more simply furnished in Italy as compared to the U.S., so please keep this in mind when you’re packing.
**Linens and furnishings.**
Blankets, pillows, sheets, and towels are typically supplied, but we recommend that you bring a set of your own sheets (standard flat double size), pillowcases, towels and washcloths.

**Cleaning.**
You will be responsible for keeping your room clean and laundering your own sheets and towels. (There are usually Laundromats within walking distance if you do not have a washer in your apartment). Dryers are not common at all in Italian homes; therefore, you should expect to line-dry your clothes as the Italians do or to bring your clothes to a Laundromat for machine drying (at your expense). You will also be asked to clean and preserve the general order of bathrooms and common areas and to wash your dishes and clean up after yourself in the kitchen. Apartments will be inspected by Umbra staff during the semester.

**Walking to classes.**
Perugia is a very hilly city. Bring very comfortable walking shoes and expect about a 15-minute walk from your apartment to classes. The walk from the Umbra Institute to the Universita’ per Stranieri is about 10-15 minutes downhill (uphill on the way back!). Local transportation is not included in the program fee.

**Living Independently.**
You may opt to make your own housing arrangements. The independent housing allowance will be credited towards your program fee if you make your request in writing by the dates stated in the Arcadia Housing Policy. Your decision to make your own housing arrangements becomes final after these dates and late requests for program housing cannot be considered.

Your housing arrangements must be finalized before your program start date. Obtaining affordable housing in Italy, especially on a short-term basis, can be a time-consuming exercise, so please initiate all searches and negotiations for independent housing well ahead of time. Please be aware that personal credit references may be requested and a substantial deposit is almost always required.
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Housing Preference Form

Name ________________________________________  □ Male  □ Female
Home College ________________________________  Major/minor _____________________________
College Phone ________________________________  Home Phone _____________________________
E-mail ________________________________________

Please check ✓ the program appropriate to you:

□ fall semester    □ spring semester    □ academic year    □ summer

Please rank the following in order of preference:

___ SHARED APARTMENT secured by the Umbra Institute (may include Arcadia program students as well as Italian and/or international university students studying in Perugia).

If you have a mutual agreement to live with another student on your same Arcadia University program, please list your friend’s name below and make sure s/he indicates your name on his/her form (you may only list a maximum of one person). The Umbra Institute will do their best to meet this type of request.

Friend’s Name: ________________________________________________

___ I will be making my OWN HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE: We cannot guarantee any living requests, including roommates or specific locations/buildings. All housing is centrally located in Perugia.

Do you have any allergies, medical conditions or dietary restrictions that may affect your housing assignment? PLEASE LIST:


Please circle any term that applies to you:

Extroverted      Introverted         Quiet     Noisy          Tidy      Untidy          Early   Riser
Late-to-Bed      Religious   Vegetarian      Athletic         Artistic

Do you smoke?    Yes - No    Would you share a room with a smoker?    Yes – No

I have read, understand and accept the Arcadia University Housing Policy.

Your Signature_________________________________ Date____________________________