

## **ORIENTATION**

The following is a brief overview of the SUF's four-day Orientation program. More complete and detailed information will be provided in the Orientation booklet that you will receive upon arrival in Florence. Be sure to check the Orientation booklet carefully for specific times and locations of all meetings and events.

### **Day 1- Tuesday**

Upon arrival students are met at the airport and accompanied to the hotel by SUF staff members. (Notice to Independent travelers: students not traveling on group flights must make their own arrangements for getting to the hotel. Taxis can be found just outside the airport. Approximate cost: Euro 25). Walking tours will take you to the Villa Rossa - SUF's main building- where you will have scheduled meetings. Snacks will be available all day.

If you arrive in the afternoon, walking tours will be in the city and will acquaint students briefly with Florence (approximate length of tour: one hour).

There will be Permit of Stay meetings and Survival Florence meetings this afternoon.

Dinner will be provided at the hotel.

### **Day 2 - Wednesday**

In the morning all SUF students are required to attend the Faculty meetings and Survival Florence 101 meetings, if you didn't do so on Tuesday.

A buffet lunch will be served in the Villa Rossa Garden.

Apartment placement and contract signing lists are posted after lunch.

In the afternoon:

Architecture and Studio Arts meetings (see booklet for details).

Italian Language meetings (see booklet for details)

Dinner will be served in the hotel in the early evening.

A Housing Q&A Session will be held in the hotel meeting room after dinner for all students in homestays.

### **Day 3 - Thursday**

#### **Course Descriptions and Meet the Faculty**

It is strongly recommended that you attend the informal **Meet the Faculty** session which is your opportunity to pick up course syllabi and ask faculty members specific questions about course requirements, class schedules, etc. (see Orientation booklet for details). Even if you have already decided which courses to take, be prepared to consider alternative possibilities in case of scheduling or other conflicts.

Host Family Descriptions will be posted in the Library and the Annex at 12:00.

A buffet lunch will be served in the Limonaia or Garden at 12:30.

You will move into your Italian homes in the afternoon (see booklet for details).

### **Day 4 - Friday**

#### **Registration & Student Safety meetings**

All SUF students register for classes in the morning and are required to attend one of the student safety meetings at the assigned time (see booklet for details).

The Villa Rossa Coffee Bar will be open for business during the morning and lunch hour.

An internship informational meeting will be held (see booklet for details).

Transportation 101 - Local Italian students will you around the city on the public buses to show you how the rapid transit system works (see booklet for details).

Required Permit of Stay meetings will be held throughout the week. Check the orientation booklet for your meeting time and date.

**Orientation "To Do" Checklist (All Students):**

- Pick up **bus pass allowance** (Business Office)
- Pick up **electronic key** (Student Life Office)
- Pick up **museum pass** (Student Life Office)
- Complete **sojourn permit** paperwork (Mezzanine)
- Complete application for **IT network access** (Student Life Office)
- Have Italian passport-size **photos** taken (Dependance or a nearby photo booth)
- Make **photocopies** of:
  - passport
  - sojourn permit
  - credit card
  - SUF letter to consulate
- Activate your laptop for **wireless** access (Rm. 7 in basement of Villa Rossa)

**Optional:**

- Submit your **work-study** application (Student Life Office)
- Submit your **internship** application (Internship Office)