# Italy

# Virtual Student Exchange Program

## **Program details**

You will be paired with a student from Milan, Italy and will participate in weekly online meetings over a period of six weeks.

The program starts in March and ends in April. You will meet twice a week with your exchange partner and take turns hosting meetings and discussing a variety of topics that are provided to you as well as others of your choosing.

# **Eligibility**

Students in Grades 9-12 who are studying Italian are eligible to apply based on the following criteria:

- students must be taking Italian 9, 10, 20 or 30 to participate in the exchange
- students must be recommended by their Italian language teachers based on language proficiency and academic standing, as well as personal qualities such as maturity and openness to other cultures.

#### **Benefits**

Virtual exchanges provide valuable personal and academic experiences to students, such as:

- structured meetings with an exchange partner that allows you to develop and showcase your language skills in Italian
- flexibility in scheduling virtual meetings that allows you to continue your athletic or academic extracurricular activities without interruption
- opportunities for you to develop intercultural awareness and appreciation through discussions with your exchange partner
- building your leadership and career skills through preparation and hosting of online meetings
- a cost-free way to continue your language and cultural development
- preparation for an in-person study abroad experience at a later point in your education

#### Cost

There are no costs associated with applying to and participating in the virtual exchange.

### **Application procedure**

Speak with your Italian language teacher and/or visit <a href="https://www.studyabroad.alberta.ca">www.studyabroad.alberta.ca</a> for more information.

Interested students must ensure that their application is emailed to <a href="mailto:studyabroad@gov.ab.ca">studyabroad@gov.ab.ca</a> by the deadline listed on the application package.

Application instructions and forms are available online.



#### **Contact information**

If you have any questions, please contact:

- Email: studyabroad@gov.ab.ca
- Phone: 403-297-5896 (toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000)

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