Subject to change

Working Itinerary
Parenting and Culture

Florence, Italy
July 5 - 21, 2018

Wednesday, July 4
Cathie arrives in Florence

Thursday, July 5
Students arrive and check in by time to be announced
Welcome and orientation by NYU Florence staff
Welcome dinner:
Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

Friday, July 6
Breakfast on own

Class:
Introduction to Parenting; Introduction to Culture

Lunch on own

Site visit:
Walking tour of central Florence & orientation to the city (Italian guide)

Dinner on own

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

Saturday, July 7 - Sunday, July 8
Breakfast on own

Weekend on own to explore Florence

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

Monday, July 9
Breakfast on own

Class:
Methodological approaches to studying parenting
Methodological approaches to studying culture
Parenting in context: Understanding the determinants of parenting

Lunch on own

**Site visit to the Uffizi Gallery Museum:**
Museum visit & tour: Analysis of how children and parents have been historically depicted in art

Dinner on own

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

**Tuesday, July 10**

Breakfast on own

**Class:**
Discussion of the art of families and children (from Uffizi Palace visit)
Parenting Infants
Parenting Toddlers

**Site visit with late lunch (or early dinner TBD):**
Giglio cooking class in Florence, with leader of class discussing life of Italian families & children

Dinner on own

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

**Wednesday, July 11**

Breakfast on own

**Class:**
Parenting Children
Parenting Adolescents

Lunch on own

**Independent Field/Ethnographic Observations:**
Visit parks, restaurants, department stores, grocery stores, markets, museums, and other venues throughout Florence to observe interactions between parents and their infants, toddlers, children, and/or adolescents. Select 2 age groups to observe. Compare the interactions. Consider how culture might affect the behaviors you observe.
Dinner on own

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

**Thursday, July 12**

Breakfast on own

**Site visit to University of Bologna:**
Attend a lecture by Italian Professor of Sociology & Child Development, who will discuss parenting in cultural context
Tour of the oldest and most prestigious University of Italy (founded in 1088)

Lunch on own

Dinner on own

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

**Friday, July 13**

Breakfast on own

**Class:**
Parenting in Different Populations (Student presentations): Preterm infants, Aggressive & Withdrawn Children, Adoptive Families, Foster Families, Affluent Families, Special-needs Children & Children with Disabilities

Lunch on own

**Site visit to Sienna (option to have dinner in Sienna on own)**

Dinner on own

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

**Saturday, July 14 - Sunday, July 15**

Breakfast on own

**Weekend Trip to Rome**
Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

**Monday, July 16**
Breakfast on own

**Class: Parenting in Different Cultural Communities**
Parenting and culturally valued skills
Parenting in the United States

**Site visit with Italian picnic lunch to Pitti (Medici) Palace:**
Viewing of the artwork and costume gallery; leisurely stroll and lunch at Boboli Gardens

**Afternoon Class:**

Dinner on own

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

**Tuesday, July 17**
Breakfast on own

**Class:**
Cultural influences on parenting infants
Cultural influences on parenting preschoolers (cultural emphases on respect & discipline)
Viewing movie Babies: Paper on observed cultural differences in parenting in the film

Dinner on own

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

**Wednesday, July 18**
Breakfast on own

**Site visit: Day trip to Reggio Emilia with lecture & classroom observations of preschoolers**

**Lunch in Reggio Emilia**

**Afternoon assignment: Opinion paper on the Reggio Emilia approach to educating young children**

Dinner on own
Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

Thursday, July 19
Breakfast on own

Class:
Discussion of Reggio Emilia observations & papers

Comparative approaches to parenting in different cultural communities (Final Student presentations): Parenting of Chinese vs. US school-age children; Parenting in different religious communities; Parenting in urban & rural contexts; Parenting in different racial and ethnic communities in the US (Latino, Asian, Black, Caucasian)

Lunch on own

Dinner on own

Overnight at NYU-arranged accommodation

Friday, July 20
Breakfast on own

Final Class with Discussion:
Parenting in Inter-cultural families
Reifying stereotypes & essentialism

Lunch on own

Afternoon: Pack, final day in Florence on own

Closing dinner

Saturday, July 21
Check out of housing
Fly home