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cultural and historical sites • Project work in collaboration with local enterprises • Students live and experience the ambiences of Bologna city and Bertinoro village • Accomodation for the whole period • Meals included in CeUB

Private bus for transports

fig.1 University of Bologna, fig.2 Academy of Fine Arts Bologna, fig.3 CeUB Bertinoro, fig.4 Bologna City Center, fig.5 Camplus Bononia, fig.6 Technogym, fig.7 Ferrari Museum, fig.8 Ducati Museum, fig.9 NERI S.p.A.















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Italian Design has a long tradition and is famous worldwide thanks to the Made in Italy products. Functionality and aesthetics are integrated into Italian industrial products, the beauty and quality of which make them popular on all continents. Italian designers take their inspiration from the special Italian artistic atmosphere that has its roots in the Italian Art of the Rennaissance with amazing artists such as Giotto, Michelangelo and Leonardo.

The ITALIAN DESIGN SUMMER SCHOOL (IDSS) offers a unique opportunity to experience the Italian atmosphere and understand how the Italian culture and tradition of "Disegno" has led generations of Italian designers. The inspiration from this unique environment has brought the creation of innovative and beautiful objects that are internationally successful. The integration of the two approaches, industrial and craft, makes Made in Italy products unique and implies extreme attention to detail that contributes to their excellence.

This experiential course is addressed to both students and professionals interested in product design. A significant number of hours is dedicated to a group project-work in collaboration with a local enterprise. Visits to the manufacturing plants and lessons delivered by professional designers allow students to enter real industrial production and apply to concrete cases the methodologies learned during the course. Trips to artistic and cultural sites enable students to immerse themselves in Italian culture and society.

IDSS has been proposed since 2006. 410 students from 22 countries located in all continents have attended to date.

125 Hours

36h Theoretical pratical lessons 27h Project work 40h Visits Italian firms, institutions, cultural, artistic and historical sites 18h Individual study 04h Introduction, final test and presentations

An IDSS certification of completion will be delivered at the end of the school.

Subjects and activities

The Made in Italy system
Italian industrial Design history
Italian art history
Concept freehand drawing
Design methods
Production processes and Additive
Manufacturing for Design
Computer-Aided Design
Fashion and style
Food design
Seminars of professional designers
Project work in group
Visits to firms and institutions
Visits to artistic, cultural and historical sites

From 25 to 35 undergraduate or graduate students in Industrial Design, Architecture, Engineering and Applied Arts as well as qualified students in other disciplines with interest in Design. Designers and professionals dealing with industrial Design and Applied Arts are also welcome. Good knowledge of English is required.



a,b,c,d,e. Students' project works



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