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Dates and Deadlines | Florence Spring 2026

Item	Description	Deadline	✔
Scholarship Deadlines	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/ AIFS Ambassador Scholarship https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2aa247742f154221ba7d0bc37839c10c	Thursday, October 19, 2025 Friday, November 7, 2025	
Priority Application Deadline	Apply online: https://secure.aifsabroad.com/College/Account/CustomApplication?CPID=QGNYHA1E6ODB 'Priority' means you will have priority to choose your SMCCCD classes before they are opened to students from the other NCSAC study abroad colleges. If you apply before the priority deadline, you *are* likely to get into *all* your preferred classes before they fill. You must submit your "Course Preference Form" to reserve your spot in your preferred classes.	Friday, Sep. 19, 2025	
Application deadline and deposit deadline	Final date to apply online and pay $450 deposit to be considered for Florence Spring 2026.	Friday, October 31, 2025	
# 1 Withdrawal Deadline:	Withdraw on or before Friday, November 7, 2025 to receive a refund of the deposit and any other fees paid, less a $150 processing fee.	Friday, November 6, 2025	
#2 Withdrawal Deadline:	Withdrawing after Friday, November 7, 2025, and on or before Friday, December 5, 2025, to receive a refund of fees paid, less the $450 deposit and any non-refundable deposits paid by AIFS on your behalf.	Friday, November 7, 2025	
#3 Withdrawal Deadline:	If you withdraw after Friday, December 5, 2025, there is no refund, and the total program fee is due. If you withdraw once the program has begun, there is no refund. *Please note that any student who is academically withdrawn (i.e., is put on academic probation or no longer meets the minimum 2.25 GPA requirement) after their application has been processed by AIFS is subject to the standard refund policy outlined above.	**After** Friday, December 5, 2025	
Final Payment Deadline Balance of Fees Due to AIFS*	Pay online in your AIFS Portal *If you receive financial aid, you may be eligible to defer the payment of a portion of your fees until you receive your financial aid. See "Financial Aid Checklist" for more info.	**No later than** Friday, December 5, 2025	

Complete your "Task List" in your AIFS Portal	Review your Task List in your AIFS Portal In your AIFS portal, you will have a "Task List," and as you complete each step, that item will be crossed off. Required items include, but are not limited to, passport copy, agreement and release form, digital photo, flight details (if not on an AIFS flight). AIFS program staff will also use the portal to post important program information such as insurance details, flight itineraries, predeparture handbooks, program brochures, etc.	Friday, December 5, 2025	
Register for courses online with each college	You will be emailed specific instructions by <u>each</u> college you indicate on your Course Preference Form. This usually starts in November to December (each college in the program may have a slightly different timeline), and it is a multi-step process. You will add your class(es) and pay tuition separately at <u>each</u> college you sign up for. Please note: You will <u>not</u> lose your spot in the course if you have class registration difficulties; we will work with you to assist you.	November-December, 2025	
AIFS Travel Package	Round-trip flights between San Francisco (SFO) and Florence (FCR) in economy/standard class. • Round-trip transfers in Florence between the airport and the student housing. • AIFS staff meet-and-greet at the airport to assist on arrival and escort students to their housing. Students wishing to purchase the Transportation Package should select this option on the online enrollment form when they apply. Participants wishing to purchase the Transportation Package must notify AIFS in writing or by selecting this option on the online enrollment form by Thursday, October 23, 2025. Participants wishing to cancel from the flight must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, November 7, 2025. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.	Thursday, October 23, 2025	

AIFS Financial Aid Paperwork and Consortium Agreement due	If Financial Aid will pay for all or some of your program fees to AIFS, you must work with Breanna Castro, castrob@smccd.edu at Cañada College to complete the AIFS Financial Aid packet ASAP but no later Friday, November 28, 2025 to fill out your paperwork and submit to AIFS (see "Financial Aid Checklist" for more information). The AIFS financial aid packet must be submitted to AIFS no later than Friday, December 5, 202 in order to defer the payment of a portion of your fees until you receive your financial aid.	Contact Brenanna Castro **ASAP** but no later than Friday, November 28, 2025 Submit AIFS Financial Aid Packet to AIFS no later than Friday, December 5, 2025	
Meet + Greet	Get to know your fellow classmates and professor from SMCCCD who will be traveling abroad! Location: Canada College, Building 9 Room 154	Friday, November 14, 2025	
Mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation	Location (TBD). Consortium-wide. AIFS-led orientation where you can also pick up your final class schedules and purchase any books.	Saturday, January 17, 2026 tentative	
Student Code of Conduct and Intercultural Learning Strategies	# 3 Pre-departure orientation session that covers Student Code of Conduct, Culture Shock, and Intercultural Learning Strategies	Friday, January 23, 2026 tentative	
Depart U.S.	AIFS Transport Package flight dates and recommended dates for personal flights. Arrive in Florence the next day, Sunday, February 1, 2026	Saturday, January 31, 2026	
Depart Florence	AIFS Transport Package flight dates and recommended dates for personal flights	Friday, May 1, 2026	

I have read and understand the dates and deadlines written above as they pertain to the Florence Spring 2026 Study Abroad Program. I acknowledge that these dates can be subject to change. I also understand that because I am 18+ years old, I will be the main decision maker, point of contact, and person responsible for all relevant study abroad communication.

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Print Name _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Study Abroad Advisor Signature _____ **Date**_____