

# lorisnow

Bologna, Italy

**LORI'S MAJORS:** Journalism and Italian

**YEAR/ TERM ABROAD:** Spring 2006

**REASON YOU CHOSE THIS PROGRAM:** The Bologna program is the only IU program geared toward students looking to quickly advance their Italian in an immersed environment.

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** BCSP film class taught by Professor Ricci.

**DESCRIBE THE HOUSING SITUATION:** During the apartment hunt at the beginning of the program, I looked at a lot of nice apartments and a lot of not nice ones. I ended up living with a Swiss guy and an Italian guy in a great apartment which was a 5-minute walk from the center of the city.

**GREATEST CHALLENGE:** Adjusting to the Italian education system. Instead of tracking progress throughout the semester like in the U.S., classes in Italy are based on one oral exam at the end of each semester. Your professor asks you questions which are not given in advance, you answer them, and he or she gives you a grade. While it was difficult keeping up with the reading since there is no homework, I feel it emphasized learning the material thoroughly instead of just what you are told to learn.

**WHAT I WISH I KNEW BEFORE I LEFT:** Italians really do dress their best (and mostly in black) on a daily basis, so I wish I had been more prepared to realize that I was going to look American no matter what I was wearing.

**BEST MEMORY:** Dancing in the streets after Italy won the World Cup! The entire country comes together in support of *gli Azzurri*, and to be there at the end after the big win was an incredible experience that I'll never forget.

**GOING ABROAD Vs. STAYING ON CAMPUS:** Spring in Bloomington is my favorite time of year, but my experiences abroad trumped any spring that Bloomington could ever give me!



— Lori Snow, left, and a friend stand in the middle of an ancient Roman Forum, during one of her three trips to Rome.

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**FACT ABOUT ITALY THAT YOU THINK PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO LEARN:** Fettucine Alfredo is not an Italian dish; it's a made-up American dish. Also, don't try to order pepperoni pizza in Italy - you'll get a pizza with peppers on it.