Participants in this study abroad program will stay in Chiavari, Italy, a hospitable town where modern life blends with the original old characteristics typical of the Ligurian Riviera. Chiavari is situated near the Gulf of Tigullio, in a very green area rich in olive and pine trees. The climate is temperate and offers comfortable and good hospitality in all seasons. In Chiavari, the students will receive intensive Italian language for four weeks. The Italian classes will center around topics such as Italian politics, culture and cinema gleaned from national newspapers. Students will take field trips all over Liguria, and the historically important seaport of Genova, where Columbus lived, Marco Polo was jailed, Garibaldi launched his attempt to unify Italy, and where the intellectual father of Italian nationalism, Giuseppe Mazzini, is buried. In addition, excursions will be taken to Val Gardena, Pisa, Cinque Terre, Portofino and Genova.

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To Apply:

Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, http://international.cofc.edu, or picked up in the CIE office in the Multicultural Center, 207 Calhoun St. All applications must be submitted to Gabriela Peschiera, Assistant Director, Center for International Education, peschierag@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.

The Program Fee of $4,910* includes a non-refundable $50 application fee, round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation, some meals, medical insurance, and entrances into sites. TUITION FOR THE COURSES IS NOT INCLUDED.

Application deadline is March 1, 2014. Deposit of $550 will be posted to the student’s MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approve by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to $1500 are available to CofC students for study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial aid and academic merit.