Winter Seminars in Paleography and Archival Studies (Florence, 4-16 Jan 27)

Palazzo Alberti, via de' Benci 10, Florence, Jan 4–16, 2027
Deadline: Jan 1, 2027

The Medici Archive Project

The Medici Archive Project is pleased to announce the dates for the upcoming 2027 Winter Seminars in Paleography and Archival Studies which will take place in Florence on 4-9 January 2027 and 11-16 January 2027.

Applications due 1 January 2027.

The principal aim of this seminar is to provide an introduction to Italian archives (with particular emphasis on Florentine archival collections); to examine in depth various documentary typologies; to read diverse early modern scripts; and to to assist in planning research in Italian archives and libraries. Especially relevant for graduate students, university faculty, and museum curators working on Renaissance and early modern topics, this seminar is taught by a team of current and former MAP scholars, as well as university professors and other MAP-affiliated researchers.

Seminar lecturers include: Maurizio Arfaioli, Alessio Assonitis, Sheila Barker, Gaston Basile, Davide Boerio, Carlotta Paltrinieri, Pasquale Focarile, Francesco Guidi Bruscoli, Federico Giglio, Emma Iadanza, Piergabriele Mancuso, Oscar Schiavone, and Marcello Simonetta.

Teaching will take place at MAP head offices at Palazzo Alberti in Via de' Benci 10 and on-site, in public and private archives in Florence.

The seminar week is composed of lectures on archival practice and paleography sessions, lasting between 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours, for a total of 6-7 hours a day.

A working knowledge of Italian is recommended. No previous archival and paleographic experience is required. Teaching will be in English.

Participants will be encouraged to develop their research with archival approaches, meet with instructors individually in order to strategize future archival research in Italy, network with scholars in their field, and gain access to archives and libraries resources pertinent to their research.

Prospective applicants should send to education@medici.org:

a one-page CV
a brief statement explaining how this course will benefit the applicant's current research
a preference between the two sessions

The same email address should also be used for queries on administrative details, course tuition and general information.

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Tuition for one session is USD 1100 (which includes five lunches and other cultural activities).

For further information: education@medici.org

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