

Calvary Chapel Bible College Italy



Student Handbook

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CHUCK SMITH

God is moving mightily by His Holy Spirit in this generation and we praise Him for His mighty works.

As a part of what God is doing by His Spirit worldwide, He has raised up the Calvary Chapel ministries to help feed His people with His Word.

At Calvary Chapel Bible College, men and women from all over the world gather together in the beautiful Murrieta Hot Springs oasis of Southern California to study the Word of God with Calvary Chapel pastors.

May God bless you richly with His abundant love.

Pastor Chuck Smith
President, Calvary Chapel Bible College

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CRAIG QUAM

Dear Prospective Student:

On behalf of all the staff here at Calvary Chapel Bible College Italy I would like to extend to you a warm welcome. Our desire is that your time at CCBC Italy will be a time to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

CCBC Italy is situated about an hour from the city of Venice between the Adriatic Sea and the Italian Alps and offers students the unique opportunity of not only studying in depth God's word but actually living in the country where a major part of the New Testament was written and Church history fulfilled.

Students will be taught by Missionary Pastors who have a combined experience of 50 years on the mission field and be given the opportunity to serve with the five Calvary fellowships in Italy and actually be involved in planting new churches and bringing his "Good News" to the Nations!

Our vision for the ministry of CCBC Italy is that both Italian and International student can set aside a time in their life to be grounded in the word of God, Baptized in the Holy Spirit and sent out to fulfill the unique calling that God has for each one of their lives.

The following information is offered to aid you in your arrival. Everyone's stay will be enhanced if you carefully read and follow the information written in the following pages. If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

May God bless you as you seek to know Jesus and make him known!

Pastor Craig Quam
Senior Pastor, Calvary Chapel Montebelluna

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USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Brian Cambra	346 750 1174
Maria Cambra	346 170 3869
David Downs	393 516 8397
Kyle Elliot	393 098 7938
Pilastroni House (Girls' Apartment)	(949) 999-5078
Pilastroni Basement (Student Commons)	(949) 999-5079
Fire (Vigili del Fuoco)	115
Police (Carabinieri)	112
Ambulance (Emergenza Sanitaria)	118

LIVING IN ITALY

Undoubtedly, one of the reasons you desire to study at CCBC Italy is to experience life in Italy. One of our visions for this campus is to place the students at the door front of Italian life. For this reason the student accommodations are located in the city of Montebelluna. The student is forced to live among the locals on a daily basis. They shop for food, eat pizza, drink coffee, and travel day to day with the Italians.

Of course, along with this experience come many challenges. The language barrier may frustrate you. Or the "different way of doing it" may confuse you. Yet our hope is that each student will interact with the people in a special and life-changing way. Our greatest desire is that many students will receive a call from God to either come to this country to further serve the Lord or to be committed to praying for the nation of Italy.

Another aspect of studying in Italy will be spiritual warfare. The enemy is not too concerned if you come to Italy to eat gelato. He is opposed, however, if you come to Italy to study God's Word and to share the love of Christ with others. So be prepared for spiritual warfare as you take this step of faith.

COMMUNAL LIVING

A key part of the learning process here at CCBC Italy is the dynamic of living and inter-acting with other students. God will use the close living environment to teach students about patience, prayer, service, and sacrifice. It is inevitable that there will be conflicts when a large group of people from various backgrounds, cultures, and ages are living in close proximity for long periods of time. But it is also possible for them to live together in love and harmony when Jesus is kept at the center of living. With this in mind, please observe the following:

- Pray for one another regularly.
- Submit to one another and seek to serve each other.
- Deny yourself; sacrifice your wants to help others.
- Beware of gossip and putting others down.
- Remember others share your living space.
- Do not use anyone else's personal belonging without their permission. Do not assume it is okay to just 'borrow it.'
- Forgive!
- Remember that God is in control. He has allowed you to be in that room with those people.

GENERAL RULES IN HOMES

- No wrestling.
- No guns, knives, swords, or any other type of weapons.
- No climbing on roofs or out windows.
- No practical jokes on one another.
- No candles or incense allowed.
- No cooking devices (hotplates, coffeemakers, toasters, etc.) in any room other than kitchen.
- No moving the furniture around or hanging pictures on walls without prior permission from the director.

DORM STEWARDS

Each accommodation has at least one dorm steward assigned to monitor student life. The dorm stewards work closely with staff to ensure students are living in a healthy environment. It is very important that students cooperate with dorm stewards and submit to their authority in order to maintain biblical standards within the accommodations.

MOVIES AND DVD'S

Students may not watch any movies on CCBC Italy's premises (including student accommodations, classrooms, common rooms, or church), unless prior approval has been granted. This policy is designed to protect those who may wish to study God's Word without the distraction of inappropriate or excessive media. Occasional movie nights will be planned so that the students can enjoy an approved movie together.

ACCESS TO STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

A person of the opposite sex is not allowed in the student accommodation at any time except for scheduled events. This rule is to be strictly observed and includes standing in open doorways to talk. Occasional events will be scheduled to allow students to share in meals together.

For your own safety, DO NOT bring people you have met from the streets into the student accommodation at any time.

Friends or family members visiting from out of town may not stay in the student accommodation unless prior permission has been granted.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Calvary Chapel Bible College Italy does not accept liability for any of your possessions that get lost or damaged. We advise you to take care of your valuable possessions, such as laptops, cameras, and guitars.

Always ensure your accommodation is secure before leaving the premises.

COMMUNICATIONS

Internet: The only internet access on CCBC Italy's property is available in the Basement of the Pilastroni House. There is one computer available, along with broadband points where you may connect your laptop. CCBC Italy maintains an accountability policy, meaning you may only use the internet when another person is in the room. The Basement is open during designated hours and controlled by staff. The staff reserves the right to discontinue internet access at any time if abuse is taking place. Students must pay an internet usage fee of €25 each semester if they wish to use CCBC Italy's internet and telephone service.

You may also purchase internet time at the Public Library.

Telephone: There are two phones available for your use at the Pilastroni property. These phones operate through a U.S. telecommunications system; therefore you may telephone all U.S. phone numbers for free. You may not use the phone to call any non-U.S. numbers.

You may also receive calls on these telephones. Callers will be calling a U.S. number in Orange County, CA, and therefore will only pay toll charges associated with that call. The telephone numbers are as follows:

Pilastroni House (Girls' Apartment):	(949) 999-5078
Pilastroni Basement (Student Common Area)	(949) 999-5079

Please be courteous and remember other people may be waiting to use the phone.

Printer: A printer is available for use in the Pilastroni Basement. You may either use the college computer or connect your own laptop to print your work. The printing fee is €0.10 per page.

Receiving and Sending Mail: If friends or family want to send you mail they may send it directly to your student accommodation:

Your Name
Via Piave 156
Montebelluna 31044 (TV)
Italy

OR

Your Name
Via Gazie 3
Montebelluna 31044 (TV)
Italy

Please note that it is very common for Italy to charge customs on packages received from the U.S. If the sender marks "gift" on the customs form, and designates a value of \$0, you are less likely to pay. However, there is no guarantee. So keep this in mind when you receive packages.

ENERGY USAGE

Energy is very expensive in Italy. Please conserve energy and water as much as possible. Follow these guidelines:

- If the room is unoccupied, turn the light off.
- Use pots and pans that fit the burner/hob.
- Put extra clothing on rather than increasing the heat.
- Only take one shower per day and keep it under 5 minutes. Be considerate of your roommates when using the bathroom. Beware: Water can be hot!

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION CLEANING

Scheduled Cleaning: There will be weekly cleaning scheduled to keep the accommodation safe and clean. All students will be responsible for serving in this area. There will also be weekly inspections to ensure cleanliness standards are kept.

Ongoing Cleanliness: In addition to the scheduled weekly cleaning, students are responsible for maintaining cleanliness throughout the week. This means you are not to let the dishes pile up through the week. Beds are to be made every day before devotions. Ensure old food is disposed of regularly from the refrigerator.

Cleaning Supplies: The bible college will provide the necessary cleaning supplies.

NOTE: The dorm stewards and/or interns are responsible for ensuring the cleanliness standards are kept. You must be submissive to them when they give instruction on cleaning.

DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Italy operates a strict recycling scheme that requires your cooperation. There are detailed instructions in your dorm that describe the procedure. Please ensure you cooperate.

CLASSROOMS

Most classes will be held in Calvary Chapel Montebelluna's facility located at Via Cal Piccole. Please remember that this facility is primarily dedicated to the church body. Students are therefore asked to respect the church property and belongings including chairs, tables, and supplies. It is important to remember that you are a guest at the church. Students will be responsible for cleaning the church to prepare it for the scheduled church services.

FOOD

Students prepare their own food either individually or as a group. Each week (Tuesday morning) students will be given a weekly food allowance of €25. Students must budget this money for their food purchases. Several small supermarkets are available within walking distance of the student accommodations. It is very important that you correctly spend your food allowance so that nutritional food is being prepared.

Note that the food allowance will be withheld for speakers' week when food will be provided for the 4 day excursion.

NOISE AND CURFEW

It is very important to remember that you are living among locals. You therefore must respect their living environment. Please be considerate of your neighbors and refrain from making any loud noises while in your accommodations at any time of the day. During late hours, avoid making noise that may be a disturbance, such as playing your guitar. Remember, you are coming to CCBC Italy as a missionary, and you want to be a good witness of Jesus Christ to the closest ones around you.

All students must obey the following curfew policy:

Monday to Thursday Night:

In dorm by 23:00

Lights out by 24:00

Friday to Sunday Night:

In dorm by 01:00

Lights out by 01:30

Additionally, please respect fellow roommates that may have an earlier bedtime habit.

LAUNDRY

Washing machines are available for use in the student accommodations. Each load costs €2.50 for wash only (including soap). Instructions are on the machine to assist you.

Note that the washing machines are smaller than American-style machines. Therefore DO NOT cram clothes into the machines! Remove your clothes promptly so that other students may use the machine.

Use care when ironing. DO NOT iron on counters, tables, or floors!

KEY AND BED DEPOSITS

Every student must pay a €25 key and bedding deposit at registration. You will receive your €25 deposit at the end of the semester when you return your key and your bedding. If you lose your key or your bedding is damaged, a portion of your deposit may be withheld to cover replacement expenses.

MEDICAL CARE

U.S. students will not receive free medical care during their stay in Italy. Students who desire to have medical coverage should ensure their existing policy covers their stay in Italy, or they should purchase private health insurance.

If you do require medical care during your time in Italy, it should be possible to visit the local doctor. However you will have to pay-out-of-pocket for all care you receive. Keep in mind that emergency care can be very expensive if you do not have insurance.

MONEY MATTERS

The best way to pay for tuition is by cash, international draft, or personal check. We do not accept credit cards at this time. Note that all U.S. personal checks must include an international check fee

(equivalent to €10 in dollars). Other expenses such as outreaches and extra spending should be paid by cash.

Make Checks Payable to CALVARY CHAPEL

Typically, the best way to obtain cash is by using your ATM card. Check with your bank for information pertaining to foreign ATM fees and daily allowances. Note that many banks charge 1-3% on all transactions made internationally. Also, we advise you to contact your bank before leaving to inform them there will be international usage. This will avoid them blocking the card due to suspicious activity.

MORAL CODE

The staff reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of a person's dress and moral behavior. Please remember you are in a different culture and the appropriateness or style of dress or behavior may be different compared to what you are used to. You may not obtain new body piercings or tattoos while at CCBC Italy.

PRAYER COUNSELLING

The staff is available to assist you in any prayer needs or counseling you may require. We are here to serve you as ministers of Christ, and are available for prayer at any time.

STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS

We ask you avoid forming romantic relationships that may cause distractions from your studies and your focus on the Lord.

If you are already in a relationship, we do not offer pre-marital counseling since that should be the responsibility of your home church.

RESPONSIBILITY OTHER THAN CLASSES

CM199: Practical Christian Ministry

All students must be enrolled in this class. Each student is expected to serve for 4 hours per week for 1 credit. There will be a variety of opportunities to choose from, and we will seek to place the students in the areas where they are either gifted or they desire to serve.

Cleaning:

As previously stated, students will be responsible for cleaning their dorms and the church premises. This is in addition to their CM199 duties.

CHURCH SERVICES

The Italian service at Calvary Chapel Montebelluna begins at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings. Students are expected to attend this as a part of their CL101 Chapel credit. If students are unable to attend this service, they must attend Calvary Chapel Montebelluna's midweek service which takes place Wednesdays at 19:30. Attendance is monitored for these services.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Community Worship takes place every Thursday evening at 19:00 at Calvary Chapel Montebelluna. This meeting is required and attendance is monitored. Some evenings will be devoted to worshiping and waiting upon the Lord. Other evenings may be times of fellowship.

OUTREACH WEEK

There will be different opportunities to devote one week of service at another church or city. All students are expected to go on an outreach, even if they have participated in an outreach at a previous CCBC campus. The costs will vary depending on where the outreach takes place.

TRAVEL

We expect many students will want to take advantage of Montebelluna's location and explore other parts of Italy. We welcome this however your travel must follow our guidelines.

Overnight Trips: If you desire to travel somewhere overnight, you must do the following:

- Complete a Travel Voucher. This form tells us where you are going, when you are going, and how we can contact you if we need to. This form must be completed and submitted to us 48 hours before your departure.
- If you are traveling to another country, parental permission is required.
- If you are behind in your payments, your travel plans may be denied.
- If you are behind in your work, your travel plans may be denied.

College Trips: In addition to Speakers' Week and Outreach Week, the college may plan day trips to either explore Italy's church history or simply enjoy a day in the mountains. We will announce these trips during the semester. There will be a nominal fee for these trips.

“For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:
in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me;
he shall set me up upon a rock.”
Ps. 27:5

All information in this handbook is provided to enhance your time at
CCBC Italy.

The staff reserves the right to amend this information at any time
during any semester to better minister to the student body.

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