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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Christina Laesch of Champaign, Ill., a senior at Illinois Wesleyan University, spent the fall semester as a study abroad student in Italy.

Laesch studied at Umbra Institute in Italy as part of Illinois Wesleyan University's comprehensive study abroad program, which sent 69 students to countries around the world during the fall semester.

Participation in Illinois Wesleyan's study abroad program has more than doubled in the past five years, and the university is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> among the nation's liberal arts colleges by the Forum on Education Abroad in the percentage of undergraduate students studying abroad.

Laesch, a graduate of Champaign Central High School, is a computer science major at Illinois Wesleyan.

Founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan enrolls about 2,000 undergraduates. In addition to the School of Theatre Arts, the University comprises the College of Liberal Arts, with 17 academic departments, and the Schools of Art, Music, and Nursing.

Emphasizing a distinctive liberal arts curriculum as the central feature of every student's education, Illinois Wesleyan also provides opportunities for professional and pre-professional preparation.

The University attracts diverse students who pursue a variety of interests, often choosing to combine music and biology or business administration and chemistry.

Illinois Wesleyan's faculty is composed of active scholars who are devoted to teaching undergraduates and to including them in their research.

Illinois Wesleyan's 76-acre campus has undergone remarkable growth in the past decade and features such new facilities as the five-story Ames Library, the Center for Natural Science, and the Shirk Center for Athletics and Recreation.