

The University of Oklahoma's Study Abroad program encourages students to blog their experiences. This serves the student as a sort of journal of their experiences and a communication network to stay in touch with friends and family. For the University, it helps to document the value of study abroad.

Mobile blogging via a tablet or phone offers many advantages for this particular use case:

- mobile devices are always on you
- the devices have built in cameras
- cellular connectivity
- app integration

For this activity, imagine that you are not in Stillwater but rather a piazza in Arezzo, Italy, a city of 100,000 people an hour south of Florence. You are an undergraduate student, and, during your semester abroad, you are taking three classes (Italian and a pair of local history classes) and working as an intern in the children's section of the Arezzo library. Write a blog post about a class, an experience, or a particularly good gelateria that you discovered. In your post, try to include as many of the following as possible:

- take a picture using your tablet or phone
- find a picture online
- a screenshot of your current position in Google Maps

Students coming from college towns of the midwest enjoy life changing experiences through study abroad. Mobile blogging allows them to share the cultural experience of living in an Italian town, much like Norman, OK but 25 centuries. They can photograph the architecture on a day trip to Rome or capture video of the regional fares and sports (jousting is tied to neighborhood pride for large parts of Tuscany). Imagine how you would share your tour of the Uffizi or the feeling of the sand on one of the beaches of the Versilia.

