



SCHOLA



Leathermaking

**HandMade
Training Programs**
Scuola del Cuio
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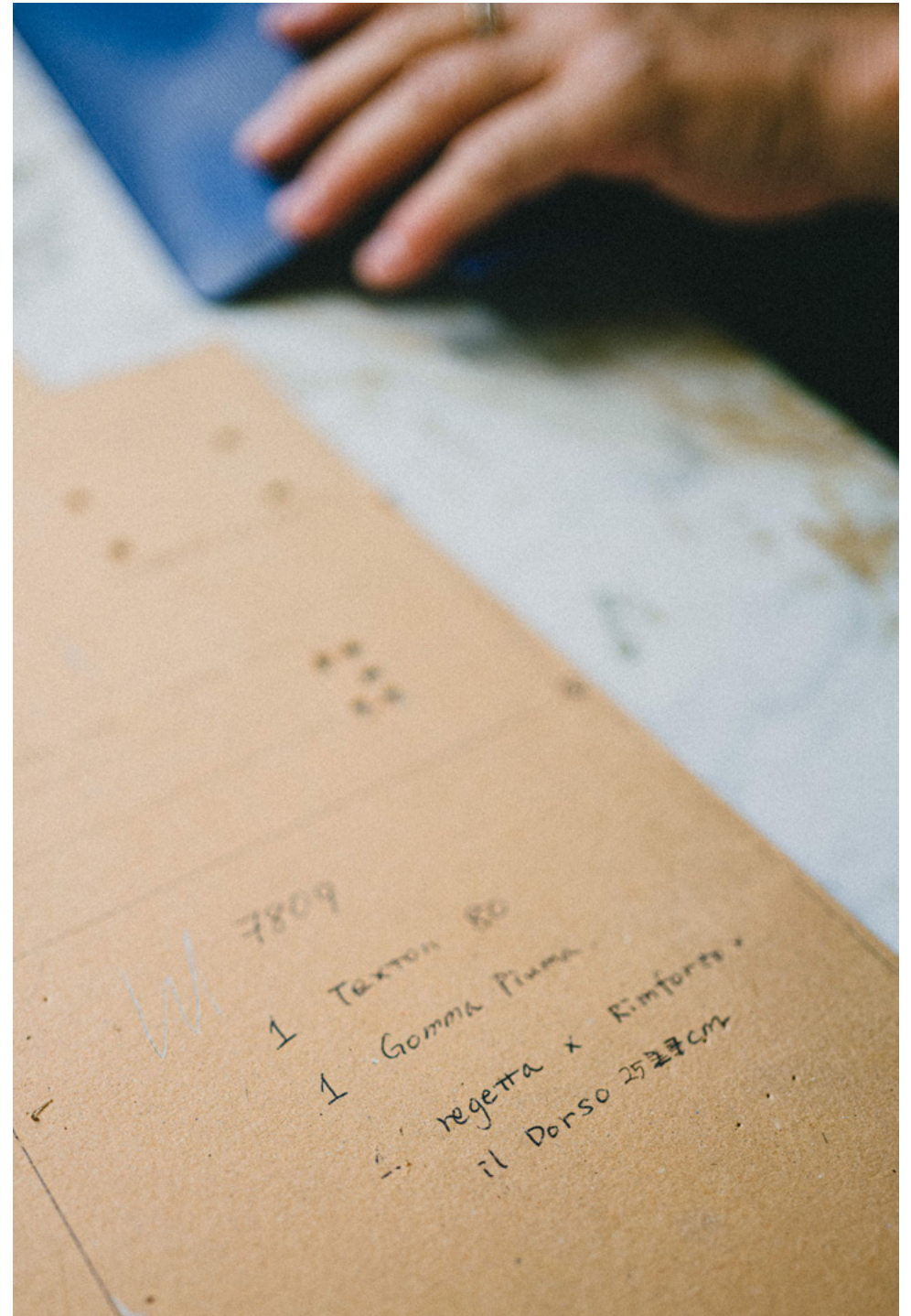
Overview

Scuola del Cuoio's Long-term Programs provide students with a fully immersive experience in the traditional craft of leather working. Courses are designed with a focus on the technical aspects of bag making, particularly in the area of pattern-making and construction process. The aim is to provide students with the skills to realize their ideas and creativity into an actual finalized product. LongTerm Programs are offered at the Apprentice Level (10 weeks/300 hours long) and Artigiano Level (600hours long which includes the Apprentice Level) to students who wish to undertake a practical program to become leather artisans. The next session for both courses starts on Aug 23rd 2021 and the following one on February 8th 2022.



The School

The Scuola del Cuoio was founded in 1949 through the collaborative efforts of the Franciscan Friars of the Monastery of Santa Croce and the Gori and Casini families, Florentine leather artisans since the 1930's. Scuola del Cuoio is the leading academy in Italy for bag making and leather working. More than 2000 students from over 40 countries have attended the long-term programs. From 2021, the programs will merge into a larger training experience in the realm of Arts & Crafts, a project that will develop into a comprehensive academy for modern artisans: Schola.



Method

Scuola del Cuoio's training course is part of SCHOLA, a network of schools for bespoke makers. Scuola del Cuoio's training program aims to empower each student to pursue their dream of handmaking bags and accessories through the development of both their skills and vision. Students also engage with design and branding elements essential to developing a personal path in this industry, that will impact their future as makers, entrepreneurs or successful employees all over the world.

The courses are for individuals seeking to extend and develop their practice and skills at the heart of Florence, center of Made in Italy. This course of learning is driven by the student's self defined project.

The nature of the discipline is such that the course will rely on skilled practitioners as the key facilitators of learning.

Instructors are craftsmen who will have a common focus in that they will seek to develop the skills of students as proactive and reflective independent learners.

Some workshop activities will require students to work in groups, also from other courses, in scenarios involving multiple cultures and nationalities.



Informations and requirements

ATTENDANCE AND TIMETABLE

Mandatory attendance; classes and workshop hours are:

Monday – Friday from 9,30 AM to

1.00 PM and from 1.30 to 5.00 PM (subject to adjustments).

The Apprentice course is 10 weeks long

The Artigiano course is 17 weeks long + 3 weeks for final projects.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Enrollment is limited to 20 students.



Apprentice level

This is an introductory program for beginners (10 weeks / 300hours - divided between specific modules and supervised project completion in the workshop). Students should be motivated and focused on working in the field of hand-made bags making and be prepared to dedicate study and work time over and above the classroom times indicated in the course modules.

PROGRAM

Students attending this module will receive a preliminary introduction to the different techniques and tools and they will soon be able to create simple products: eyeglass cases, passport holders and credit card holders.

After the introduction students will improve their abilities and will start to make and design a flat pouch without gusset, piping and gusset along with various types of handles.

During the last stage of this module, students will earn the ability to assemble and create important bags: classic evening bag, classic compartments bag, bucket bags and pockets and saddle bag.

Students must reach a sufficient level in terms of their knowledge and quality of technique in order to progress to the next level of the program.



Artigiano level

This Module will provide the apprentice student with the skills to develop a profession in the field of leather making. After this course, participants will gain the skills sufficient to start a path in the professional world.

This is a full program for young artisans who want specialize in the leather field (600 hours long - divided between specific modules and supervised project completion in the workshop).

During this module students will gain the ability to manufacture complex bags and create their own collections. Students are also encouraged to develop the essential elements of their own brand and design uniformity.

Throughout the module students will gain the ability to assemble and create complex bags like: Closed inside out bag, Classic constructions with irregular shape, bowling bag, classic bag with hanging lining. Additional motivation towards perfection is the participation in the contest for the best bag judged by the Scuola del Cuoio team.

During the artigiano module students will also attend some special modules such as:

HISTORY OF FASHION

This module traces the history of Italian and western fashion from the mid-18th century to the present day. Delivered through lectures, screenings and visits, the course introduces students to understanding fashion as a social and cultural phenomenon through the examination, exploration and consideration of creativity, context and archiving.

PHOTOGRAPHY LAB

This module will provide the basic skills for taking still-life photographs of shoes and accessories and allow students to gain skills necessary to create images for press and digital media.

DESIGN AND BRANDING ELEMENTS

Students will learn basic concepts of design-centered approach related to leather products. Elements of Branding will provide students with an overall view of the potential of their product and brand.

These modules will be attended in collaboration with the bespoke shoe-making school students of Stefano Bemer.