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WSU AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

History and Memory in

ITALY

WINTER Intersession 2011
Dec 5 - Dec 18, 2011

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Academic Program



Rome, (population 3 million), constantly conjures up vivid reminders of its glorious past as the city that built the greatest Empire the World has ever known. With its sunny climate, stately umbrella pines, and an unparalleled wealth of history around every corner, Rome's beauty quickly overtakes all who enter its ancient walls. A walk or bus ride through even the most commonplace quarters of the city yields encounters with innumerable monuments, towering pillars, and major imperial buildings that still stand imposingly just as they have for 2,000 years. The city's catacombs, cathedrals, and world-class museums boast an incredible array of Renaissance, Baroque, Medieval, and Paleo-Christian art.

Excursions will include:

Vatican Museums, Colosseum, Roman Forum, Baths of Diocletian, Capitoline Museums, Keats-Shelley House, Ara Pacis, Borghese Gallery, Ostia Antica



Florence is located in the heart of Tuscany, this medieval city clearly stands as a cultural historical, and academic center in Italy. With a population of roughly 380,000 people, Florence is a city vast in area but effortlessly maintains its small-town charm. In this truly efficient city, you will find that you are able to walk to any major area in roughly twenty minutes. With the rolling waters of the Arno River bisecting the city, each terracotta rooftop and cobblestone street tells a story by blending the old-city's traditional structures with modern shops, designer boutiques, and art galleries. Leather goods, olive oil, ceramics, wine, and Florentine

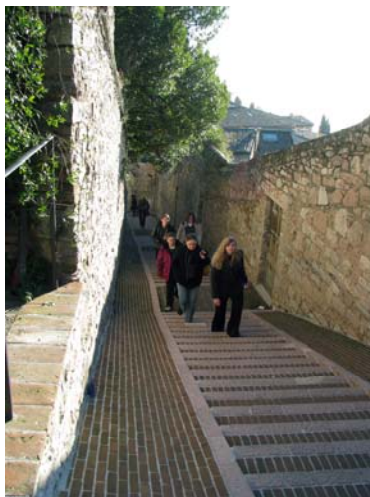
stationery are just some of the products that Florence is famous for producing. Around every corner of this enchanting city, you will be able to discover Italian culture at its finest.

Excursions will include:

Uffizi Museum, Accademia, Bargello Museum, Duomo, Baptistery, Santa Maria Novella, Pitti Palace, Palazzo Vecchio

Pisa Additionally there will be a day trip to Pisa where the students will see the famous leaning tower and The Field of Miracles.

San Gimignano: Students will enjoy a day trip to this beautiful Tuscan hill town and experience its 14 amazing medieval towers.



Meals and Accommodations While in Italy, students will be provided with two meals a day. Students will have multiple opportunities to explore and try the local cuisine. While in Rome, students will share rooms in a small hotel and a stay in a hostel in Florence that is also a working convent.

Orientation A mandatory pre-departure orientation is offered online by the University Center for International Education before travel to Italy.

Academic Credit This Winter Ambassador Program in Italy will offer eligible students two weeks in Florence and Rome during the November-December break. Students will explore area sites of historic and cultural interest. Individual and field study, reflective journals and blogging, and digital photos will contribute to completed projects on return.

Students are strongly urged to study ITA 101 before the trip. All students will register for one or two of three Dec 11 Intersession courses: UH 201 Intro to Memoir/Travel Writing; ENG 399 Memoir/Travel Writing for the Web; UH 400 History and Memory in Modern Italy.

Intersession classes will meet during the week before departure. Students will read travel excerpts and receive assignment details, set up travel blog web pages, and receive cultural pointers. Returning from Italy, all students will complete assignments based on readings, individual study, and trip learning. UH 201/ENG 399 students will expand blogs based on trip journaling and photographs. UH 400 students will consider how memoir and travel writing, especially about Rome and Tuscany, have shaped many western ideas about Italy.

All program participants must have a 3.0 overall GPA or higher and participate in an interview with the instructors.

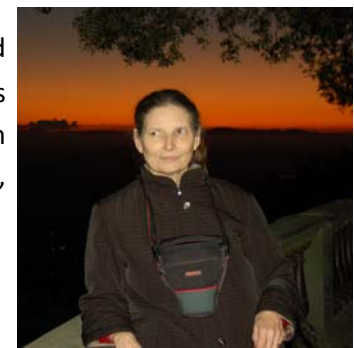
Cost and Enrollment Information Cost of the program is **\$2950**. This includes housing, transportation within Italy, entrance fees, two meals per day, and health and accident insurance. Not included: airfare, tuition, passport application costs some meals and personal expenses.

A non-refundable application fee of \$100 and a deposit of \$250 are due at the time of application. The final payment of **\$2700** is due by October 1, 2011. WSU financial aid is applicable to this program. The UCIE reserves the right to adjust the program price up to 5% for reasons of inflation.

About the Professors

Dr. Susan Carrafiello, Director of the WSU Honors Program and Associate Professor of History, attended high school in Rome, Italy, in the 1970's, and is a historian of modern Italy. Susan's extensive knowledge of Italian, Italian customs, traditions, and history will enrich participants' learning experience throughout their time period.

Jane Parenti Blakelock, Assistant Director of Writing Programs and Senior Lecturer in English is a second generation Italian-American who has traveled in Italy several times since 2002. A WSU pioneer of digital advances in humanities classrooms, Jane lends expertise in web-based design and writing, to help students record, develop, and illustrate their memories and learning.



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