

HOLY CROSS SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Rome Program, Summer 2010

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The Summer Rome Program is held from Mid-May (just after last exams at Holy Cross—to Mid June at the American Institute for Roman Culture (AIRC), housed in the heart of ancient Rome. The AIRC is an innovative institution that offers students the unique opportunity to live amidst, and learn in-depth about, the Eternal City. Professor Blaise Nagy from Holy Cross Classics will be the Resident Director for the Summer 2010 Rome Program. The Rome program is open to all students and is not intended solely for Classics majors. There are no language requirements.

CURRICULUM:

The course offered in summer 2010 is “*Roman Topography and Archeology*.” Students have the extraordinary *on site* opportunity to explore the foundations of Western culture—architecture, archeology, art history, literature, religion, and the dynamics of politics that made Ancient Rome and, by extension, modern America possible. The Holy Cross summer Rome course meets for two hours of classroom instruction four days a week for the four-week period. During each week, excursions to various sites throughout the city are an integral and exciting part of the course; one day a week is set aside for lengthier excursions outside the city. In addition, students with limited, or no, knowledge of Italian will be offered a required language course in basic Italian, designed to equip students with the rudimentary linguistic tools they need to navigate, and be a part of, their Italian surroundings.

The AIRC provides classrooms, library, administrative space, as well as computer and Internet access, all within walking distance of the city’s most important ancient sites. In addition, the AIRC has a rare permit for its students to participate in hands-on (as opposed to the customary “watch not touch”) archeological excavations at various sites in and around Rome--a tremendous opportunity for students interested in archeology and antiquity and a rare chance for non-Classics majors to delve into the roots of western civilization.

CREDIT: Students receive the equivalent of one Holy Cross course credit and the course fulfills the ARTS Common Area Requirement.

HOUSING AND MEALS: Students live in private apartments secured by the AIRC and within walking distance of the institute. The College issues meal tickets for 5 meals per week. These meal tickets will be redeemable at restaurants near the AIRC.

COSTS: The cost of the program will be announced, but is somewhere between \$5,800 and \$6,500. This includes round-trip airfare, tuition, housing, 5 meals per week, and course-related excursions. Students should expect to spend a minimum of \$500 on additional meals. Financial aid is available for this program.

GENERAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications, including registration form, academic reference, one-page personal essay, and proof of health insurance, are due in the Study Abroad Office, Smith Hall 212, no later than **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009**. Your faculty letter of recommendation is due **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009**.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact bsmith@holycross.edu or call Study Abroad @ 508 793 3082.