

HOLY CROSS SUMMER (MAYMESTER) PROGRAM IN ROME ~ 2016

“Rome in History and Imagination”

FACULTY: Holy Cross Professors Aaron Seider and Thomas Martin

DATES: Students should depart on an overnight flight on **Friday, May 20, 2016** for a morning arrival on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Rome’s Fiumicino Airport – **Friday, June 17, 2016** (Departure from Rome)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Rome offers a richer and more captivating experience of ancient civilization and its afterlife than any other city in the world. During our time in *Roma aeterna*, we will explore the topography and history of classical Rome as well as the many ways in which the city has been reimagined in later times. As we walk amongst museums, archeological sites, and renaissance palaces (many of them a quick stroll from our housing in Monti, a charming neighborhood in the midst of the city), we will see traces of the past existing alongside modern buildings. Pagan temples become Catholic churches, ancient marble columns prop up new structures, and artists create masterpieces steeped in classical culture. By immersing ourselves in the city, we will develop an understanding of ancient Rome and its evolution over the centuries.

We will spend the majority of our time studying and experiencing the city itself, with our site visits accompanied by introductory lectures, extensive discussions, and readings from authors like Vergil and Cicero. The Roman Forum, the Pantheon, and the Colosseum are just some of the locations that will offer us the chance to discuss artifacts in terms of their specific location as well as their historical and cultural contexts. We will also consider subsequent visions of Rome by visiting sites including Villa Farnesina, St. Peter’s, and the Keats-Shelley Memorial House. One day a week will be set aside for lengthier excursions outside the city to places such as Ostia, Castel Gandolfo, and Tivoli and Hadrian’s Villa. In addition to developing an appreciation for the history and topography of ancient Rome and its later reception, we will reflect on our understandings of our own cultures and ourselves so that we may return to Holy Cross with greater personal and intellectual independence, as well as a deeper awareness of how cultures evolve over time.

CREDIT: Students receive the equivalent of one Holy Cross course credit that can be used to satisfy the Common Area Requirement in *Arts* or *History* and to fulfill an academic deficiency.

HOUSING: Students will live in apartments in Monti, a vibrant residential neighborhood within walking distance of most of the ancient and renaissance sites we will visit while in Rome. The apartments are also conveniently situated close to Termini, Rome’s major train station, which will allow us to make day trips to significant sites in the surrounding region. The apartments themselves are managed by a local hotel, and they offer kitchens, WiFi, linens and towels, as well as daily housekeeping. The apartments vary in size and can house a range of 6-11 students each; they have a mix of with single, double, and triple bedrooms, which will be assigned by lottery.

COSTS: The cost of the 4-week program is *approximately* **\$5,800**. This includes tuition, housing, transportation in Rome, and tickets to all museums, archeological sites, and cultural events. **NOT INCLUDED:** the cost of round-trip airfare and food. It also does not include passport expenses and personal expenses. Students should expect to spend a *minimum* of \$1,300 on their flight and a *minimum* of \$750-1,000 on their food. *Very limited* financial aid is available for this program.

INFORMATION SESSION: Wednesday, 10/21/15 at 4:00 pm in Smith 210.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Friday, November 20, 2015 via the online application system** on the Study Abroad website: <http://holycross.edu/engaged-learning/study-abroad/programs/summer-2016-study-abroad-programs>.

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