HOLY CROSS SUMMER (MAYMESTER) PROGRAM IN ROME ~ 2016
Loyola University Chicago: John Felice Rome Center

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“Roman Catholicism and Pilgrimage”

DATES: Students should depart on an overnight flight on Friday, May 20, 2016 to plan arrival at Rome’s Fiumicino Airport by 8:30 am on Saturday, May 21st (You MUST arrive at the JFRC campus between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm on the 21st). The program is 5 weeks in length and concludes with departure from JFRC (John Felice Rome Center) on Friday, June 24, 2016. There is a seaside orientation on Sunday, May 22nd and classes begin on Monday, May 23rd. This program includes two additional excursions (Pompeii and Assisi). Final exams end on June 23rd, with departure the following day.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Summer Rome Program is held from mid-May to mid-June at the Loyola University Chicago’s John Felice Rome Center (JFRC). The campus is located in the Monte Mario district, Rome’s highest hill, nestled in a neighborhood just a short bus ride from Rome’s center. The Rome program is open to all students and is not intended solely for Classics majors. There are no language requirements. Students take the equivalent of two Holy Cross courses: 1) whatever level of Italian Language and Culture (including “Beginning” – no prior experience) a student places into and 2) Roman Catholicism and Pilgrimage will offer an intense, on-site encounter—intellectually, artistically, and spiritually—with Christian pilgrimage throughout the centuries as a way to understand the Roman Catholic faith. With Rome as your classroom, you will investigate the theological, historical, sociological, and literary contours of pilgrimage in order to arrive at a theological understanding of Roman Catholicism. For your benefit, there will be times during the week/weekends when you will be invited to join in excursions to Assisi (Francis and his spiritual legacy) and Orvieto (where the feast of Corpus Christi was inaugurated in the Church) to complement the course. 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. In addition, students are required to take a credit-bearing course in Italian Language and Culture. Students with limited, or no, knowledge of Italian take an introductory language class. Students with prior knowledge are placed into a required Italian class at the appropriate level. The JFRC provides classrooms, library, administrative space, as well as computer and Internet access.

CREDIT: Students receive the equivalent of two Holy Cross course credit. The Common Area Requirements fulfilled by this course are Cross-Cultural and Religious Studies.

HOUSING and MEALS: Students will reside in double rooms in residence halls on the JFRC campus. The rooms are fully furnished with a bed, closet, desk and chair for every student. Rooms also include a refrigerator, sink and ceiling fan. Bathrooms are shared. Included are breakfast and lunch at the JFRC campus 4 days per week (Monday through Thursday).

COSTS: The estimated cost of the five-week program is between $7,500 - $7,800. This includes tuition, housing on the JFRC campus, breakfast and lunch Monday – Thursday, and 3 full-day excursions (seaside orientation, Pompeii and Assisi), bus passes, museum passes and mandatory Italian health insurance. Students should expect to spend a minimum of $750 on additional meals. NOT INCLUDED: round-trip airfare, transportation to-from Rome’s Fiumicino Airport, passport expenses, books, personal expenses, and meals other than those listed. Very limited financial aid is available for this program.

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

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Prof. Brit Smith at bsmith@holycross.edu, call the Study Abroad at 508-793-3082, or visit the Office of Study Abroad in Smith 212.

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