

# HOLY CROSS SUMMER (MAYMESTER) PROGRAM 2018

## ROME, ITALY

### *“Rome in History and Imagination”*

**FACULTY:** Holy Cross Professors Thomas Martin and Aaron Seider

**DATES:** Depart from U.S. on **Sunday, May 27, 2018** and arrive in Rome on **Monday, May 28, 2018** – Depart from Rome on **Saturday, June 23, 2018**

**INFORMATION SESSION:** Tuesday, October 3, 2018 at 4:30 PM in Smith Hall 201

If you are unable to attend the information session and would like more information about the program before applying, please feel free to contact either Prof. Martin or Seider.

**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 ancient Roman history, art, and archaeology with a particular focus on how the Romans interacted with the environment that surrounded them. Walking on the city’s seven hills and along the course of the Tiber River, we will engage in on-site study of Rome’s buildings, sculptures, mosaics, and topography. As we explore museums, archeological sites, and renaissance palaces, we will see traces of history existing alongside modern buildings. Pagan temples become Catholic churches, ancient marble columns prop up new structures, and artists create masterpieces steeped in classical culture, all while the Romans engage with their city’s unique topographical challenges and advantages.

The Roman Forum, the Pantheon, and the city’s aqueducts and walls are just some of the locations that will offer us the chance to discuss artifacts in terms of their historical, environmental, and artistic contexts. We will also consider subsequent reactions to ancient Rome by studying the stratigraphy of sites such as the Basilica of San Clemente, where a medieval basilica stands on top of a fourth-century CE church and a late Republican house. A day or two every week will be set aside for longer excursions outside the city to historical sites such as Tivoli and Ostia, where we may consider questions about how the Romans engaged with the natural environment outside of their metropolis. In addition to developing an appreciation for the history, environment, and art of ancient Rome, we will reflect on our understandings of our own cultures 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 HISTORICAL STUDIES** and to fulfill an academic deficiency. For Classics Majors, the course counts as a Classics course. For ENVS Minors, it counts as a non-science ENVS course. For ENVS majors, it counts as an ENVS history course (requirement 8) or an ENVS arts/humanities/social science course (requirement 11).

**HOUSING:** Students live in housing close to the historical center of Rome.

**COSTS:** The *estimated* cost of the 4-week program is *approximately \$5,200 - \$6,000*. This includes tuition, housing, transportation in Rome, and tickets to all museums, archeological sites, and cultural events. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE** 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.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Friday, November 17, 2017 via the online application system at [sa.holycross.edu](http://sa.holycross.edu)

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Prof. Thomas Martin at [tmartin@holycross.edu](mailto:tmartin@holycross.edu), Prof. Seider at [aseider@holycross.edu](mailto:aseider@holycross.edu), Prof. Brit Smith at [bsmith@holycross.edu](mailto:bsmith@holycross.edu), call Study Abroad at 508-793-3082, or visit the Office of Study Abroad in Smith Hall 216.

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