

HOLY CROSS SUMMER (MAYMESTER) PROGRAM 2019 ROME, ITALY

“Rome in History and Imagination”

FACULTY: Holy Cross Professors Thomas Martin and Aaron Seider

DATES: Depart from U.S. on **Sunday, May 26, 2019** and arrive in Rome on **Monday, May 27, 2019** – Depart from Rome on **Saturday, June 22, 2019**.

PLEASE NOTE: Maymester activities, beginning as early as 8 am and ending as late as 11 pm, are scheduled for every day between Monday, May 27, 2019 and Saturday, June 22, 2019, with the exception of free days on Sunday, June 2; Friday, June 7; Saturday, June 8; Sunday, June 9; Friday, June 14; Saturday, June 15; and Sunday, June 16. Students are required to be present in Rome and participate fully in every Maymester activity unless in the case of a medical or personal emergency.

INFORMATION SESSION:

Please feel free to attend whichever one of the two information sessions best fits your schedule and interests. It is recommended that interested students attend one information session; if you are unable to do so and would like more information about the program before applying, please feel free to contact either Prof. Martin or Seider.

- **General Information Session:** 5:00 pm, Monday, October 1 in Smith 201
- **Information Session from a Classics Perspective:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, October 2 in Fenwick 420

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 The Eternal City, 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 fountains 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. We will make longer excursions outside the city to historical sites such as Tivoli and Ostia, where we can 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 and identities so that we may return to Holy Cross with greater personal and intellectual independence, as well as a deeper awareness of how cultures and identities 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 \$7,000-\$7,500*. This includes round-trip flight *or* round-trip flight credit (amount of credit is TBD), tuition, housing, transportation in Rome, and tickets to all museums, archeological sites, and cultural events. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE** the cost of food. It also does not include passport expenses, personal expenses, and health and travel insurance. Students should expect to spend a minimum of \$750-1,000 on their food. *Very limited* financial aid is available for this program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 16, 2018 via the online application system at <https://sa.holycross.edu>

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Prof. Thomas Martin at tmartin@holycross.edu, Prof. Seider at aseider@holycross.edu, Prof. Brit Smith at 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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