

HOLY CROSS MAYMESTER (SUMMER) PROGRAM 2020

ROME, ITALY

“Sediments to Pediments: The Urban Geology of Rome”

FACULTY: Holy Cross Professors David Karmon and Sara Mitchell

DATES: Depart from U.S. on **Sunday, May 24** and arrive in Rome on **Monday, May 25, 2020**. Depart from Rome on **Saturday, June 20, 2020**.

PLEASE NOTE: Maymester activities, beginning as early as 8 AM and ending as late as 10 PM, are scheduled for every day between Monday May 25, 2020, and Saturday, May 20, 2020, with the exception of free days on Sunday, May 31, Friday June 5, Saturday June 6, Sunday June 7, Saturday June 13, and Sunday June 14. Do not plan travel for free days that requires leaving the center of Rome before 10 PM the day before. ***Students are required to be present in Rome and participate fully in every Maymester activity unless in the event of a medical or personal emergency.***

INFORMATION SESSION: It is highly recommended that you attend the 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. Karmon or Prof. Mitchell. Note that there will be two Rome programs in 2020—we encourage you to attend information sessions for both programs.

Rome Sediments to Pediments Info Session: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 2, O’Neil 101.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Rome, the Eternal City, is a legendary living city with a storied history stretching into the distant past. Yet the three thousand years of the city’s history shrinks to a brief interval when we consider the geological timescale that extends over more two million years, to a time when the entire region lay beneath the sea. Our course puts the study of the urban environment of Rome into dialogue with the geological sciences, exploring how these disciplines intersect and overlap in this extraordinary physical setting. The region of Rome is rich with geological materials, including limestone or travertine, tufa or volcanic stone, pozzolana or volcanic sand (essential for concrete construction), and deep deposits of alluvial clays (suited for the shaping and firing of terracotta and brick). Through first hand study of basic rock formations--in both natural and built environments--we will better understand the combined geological and cultural processes that contributed to the formation of both Rome and Italy. We will consider how builders across history took advantage of these resources, and examine archaeological and architectural sites as a nexus of both geological and human evidence.

CREDIT: Students receive the equivalent of one Holy Cross course credit that can be used to satisfy the common area requirement in **ARTS** or **NATURAL SCIENCES** and to fulfill an academic deficiency. This course also fulfills requirements for Architectural Studies, Environmental Studies, and Geosciences; check with program directors for specific details about major or minor credit.

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, sites, and cultural events. ***THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE*** the cost of food. It also does not include passport expenses, personal expenses or travel outside of the program. Students should expect to spend a minimum of \$750-\$1,000 on food. ***Very limited*** financial aid is available for this program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 15, 2019, via the online application system at <https://sa.holycross.edu>

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Prof. David Karmon at dkarmon@holycross.edu, Prof. Mitchell at smitchel@holycross.edu, Prof. Brit Smith at bsmith@holycross.edu, call Study Abroad at 508-793-3082, email studyabr@holycross.edu or visit the Office of Study Abroad in Smith Hall 216.

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