



ITALIAN CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE

Field Learning Program FROM SUMMER 2017

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3-Week / 6-Credit Field Learning Program

The LSSOCC285 **Italian Civilization and Culture: Society and Lifestyle** 3-week field learning course engages students in Italian civilization and culture through direct experience. Each week of the program features coursework on-site by beginning in Northern Italy, transitioning to Southern Italy during the second week, and concluding in Central Italy for the third and final week. This sociology course offers compatibility for students from diverse major backgrounds and is cross-listed to field learning, Italian cultural studies, art history, anthropology, history, food and culture, and geography. On-site fieldwork and assessment are conducted on a daily basis.

Upcoming Dates

The program is offered during FUA's Summer Session II. The following dates are valid for 2017 and 2018. Upon program conclusion, students may continue with regular 3/6-week sessions at the FUA campus in Florence.

SUMMER 2017

Sunday June 4 Students arrive (Milan)
Orientation/Final Registration
Monday June 5 Classes start
Sunday June 25 Classes end (Florence)

SUMMER 2018

Sunday June 3 Students arrive (Milan)
Orientation/Final Registration
Monday June 4 Classes start
Sunday June 24 Classes end

Field Learning Details | Daily Coursework

(Detailed syllabus available upon request)

ARRIVAL DAY Arrival in Milan and Orientation.

WEEK 1 | NORTHERN ITALY



DAY 1

Lecture

- Italian City States
- Feudal and Renaissance Societies
- Milan: the Italian Capital of Industry

Field Learning Itinerary

Milan: Castello Sforzesco, Pietà Rondanini statue by Michelangelo, Brera district, the modern city center, La Scala Opera Theater, fashion and design districts.

DAY 2

Lecture

- Europe's northernmost olive trees at Lake Garda
- Nobles and Signori in northern Italy

Field Learning Itinerary

Lake Garda - Wine and oil producer

in Valpolicella - Verona and its Arena Piazza dei Signori, Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet's House.

DAY 3

Lecture

- The Italian Provincia: Treviso
- Italian excellence: Radicchio Rosso and Prosecco

Field Learning Itinerary

Treviso city center - Asolo and Prosecco production area.

DAY 4

Lecture

- Padua and the Scientific Revolution
- Saint Anthony: Pilgrimages and Spirituality
- Antonio Canova and Neoclassicism

Field Learning Itinerary

Padua's city center, Scrovegni Chapel, Cathedral of St. Anthony - Possagno and the Antonio Canova museum.

DAY 5

Lecture

- Andrea Palladio: rediscovering Roman architecture

- City and country life in the 16th century
- Reverse intra-national immigration from Veneto to Lazio

Field Learning Itinerary

Brenta River and Palladian villas - Veneto countryside - Transfer to Venice.

DAY 6

Lecture

- Venice: gateway between east and west
- Contemporary Venice: City or museum, identity and preservation, MOSE dam system

Field Learning Itinerary

Venice: Palazzo Ducale, Basilica di San Marco, San Marco district - optional visits to Giudecca, San Giorgio, the Lido, Burano and Torcello islands, San Servolo, Peggy Guggenheim Collection.

DAY 7

Lecture

- Venetian Renaissance
- Venetian cultural/artistic heritage and tourism

Field Learning Itinerary

Transfer to Murano, artistic glass workshop - Transfer to Naples.

WEEK 2 | SOUTHERN ITALY



DAY 1

Lecture

- Kingdom of the two Sicilies: Italian regionalism and the "Southern Question"
- The Great Silence: Carthusian monasteries

Field Learning Itinerary

Royal Palace in Caserta - Naples: La Certosa di San Martino, historic center.

DAY 2

Lecture

- The most densely populated volcanic region in the world
- Vesuvio biodiversity: cherry tomato
- Neapolitan fatalism

Field Learning Itinerary

Hiking on Mount Vesuvius - Naples city center.

DAY 3

Lecture

- Neapolis and chaos: Greek heritage
- Daily life in a Roman Empire city

Field Learning Itinerary

Naples city center - Pompeii - Transfer to Amalfi coast.

DAY 4

Lecture

- Imperial Roman holiday mansion: Emperor Tiberius' Capri villa
- Capri and Sorrento: status symbols
- Sorrento gold: lemons and limoncello

Field Learning Itinerary

Capri, optional visits to Blue Grotto, Tiberius' villa, Monte Solaro hike - Sorrento.

DAY 5

Lecture

- Italian maritime republics: power and economy

- Arabic influence on the Amalfi cathedral
- Ceramic artistry of Amalfi

Field Learning Itinerary

Amalfi: city and cathedral - Vietri and ceramics - transfer to southern Lazio.

DAY 6

Lecture

- Myth of Circe's cave
- Buffalo livestock and cheese production

Field Learning Itinerary

Sperlonga and Mount Circeo - Abbazia di Fossanova - buffalo mozzarella.

DAY 7

Lecture

- Mussolini's restoration of the Roman Empire
- Art and literature at Hadrian's imperial court
- Power of papal Rome: the Borgia family

Field Learning Itinerary

Agro Pontino, Sabaudia - Tivoli, Villa Adriana, Villa d'Este - transfer to Rome.

WEEK 3 | CENTRAL ITALY



DAY 1

Lecture

- Architecture and daily life in ancient and contemporary Rome

Field Learning Itinerary

Piazza Venezia - Capitoline Hill - Imperial Forums - Colosseum and Roman Forum - Pantheon - Trevi Fountain - Spanish Steps - Piazza del Popolo.

DAY 2

Lecture

- History and art of the Vatican State
- The Italian garden

Field Learning Itinerary

Saint Peter's Square and Basilica - transfer to Caprarola and Palazzo Farnese -

tasting of Nocciola di Caprarola hazelnut at local farm - transfer to Viterbo.

DAY 3

Lecture

- Mannerism and the Italian garden
- Niki de Saint Phalle's magical Tarot garden

Field Learning Itinerary

Transfer to Bagnaia and Villa Lante - Monster's Park in Bomarzo - transfer to northern Maremma in southern Tuscany, Giardino dei Tarocchi visit.

DAY 4

Lecture

- Etruscans on the southern Tuscan coast
- History of Italian winemaking
- Food and wine in Italian culture

Field Learning Itinerary

Populonia, Etruscan archaeological park in Baratti - Bolgheri vineyard - transfer to Versilia coast in northern Tuscany.

DAY 5

Lecture

- Architecture, business, tourism in Viareggio

- Michelangelo's marble
- Social history of Carrara quarry workers

Field Learning Itinerary

Viareggio: Cittadella del Carnevale, promenade - Carrara marble quarries - Pietrasanta and sculpting studios.

DAY 6

Lecture

- Tradition of agriculture and viticulture on Liguria's steep slopes
- Lifestyle, fashion, and coastal culture of beach towns

Field Learning Itinerary

Cinque Terre - Vermentino wine producer - beach culture activity.

DAY 7

Lecture

- Social spaces in Italy: the market

Field Learning Itinerary

Bike tour to Forte dei Marmi and weekly outdoor market

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Transfer to Florence and course conclusion.



Program Includes

Academic coursework,
accommodation, transportation,
breakfast daily + 21 meals.

Contact Info

For further details, questions,
or to request a copy of the syllabus,
please contact admissions@fua.it.