The UW Classics in Italy study abroad program is offered by International Academic Programs (IAP) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This program handbook supplements the IAP Study Abroad Handbook (located in your My Study Abroad account) and provides you with the most up-to-date information and advice available at the time of publication. Changes may occur before your departure or while you are abroad.

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Contact Information

On-Site Program Information
Your primary contact in Italy will be UW Professor Laura McClure, the Program Leader (PL). While in Italy, Professor McClure will be staying in the same housing as students.

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Professor of Classics
916 Van Hise Hall
Office Tel: (608) 263-8296 (U.S.)
lmcclure@wisc.edu

For this program, IAP works closely with Educational Tours and Cruises, LLC, a company that specializes in custom-designed study tours.

Thalia Cocconi, Operations Manager
4321 Lakemoor Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405-6429
Tel: (800) 275-4109

ETC is based in Athens, Greece:
Tel: (+30) 210 8951725, 210 9657441
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Website: www.ed-tours.com

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University of Wisconsin-Madison  IAP Study Abroad Advisor
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Madison, WI 53706  boche@studyabroad.wisc.edu
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Emergency Contact Information
In case of an emergency, call the main IAP number (608) 265-6329 between 7:45 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; after-hours or on weekends call the IAP staff on call at (608) 516-9440.
In the event of an emergency, your Program Leader can be reached during the program on a US mobile phone.

If you are calling from within Italy (on an Italian phone):  00-1-608-334-3108  
If you are calling from the US (or with a US phone):  608-334-3108

**Embassy Registration**

All program participants who are U.S. citizens must register at the U.S. Embassy before departure as this will help in case of a lost passport or other mishap. You can register online at https://travelregistration.state.gov. If you are not a U.S. citizen, register at your home country’s embassy or consulate.

U.S. Embassy in Rome  
Via Vittorio Veneto 121  
00187 ROMA  
Telephone (switchboard):  +(39) 06.46.74.1  
http://rome.usembassy.gov/english/

Consulate General of the US - Naples  
Piazza della Repubblica  
80122 Naples, Italy  
Tel. (+39) 081.5838.111  
http://naples.usconsulate.gov/english/

**Program Dates**

Depart U.S.  
May 15

Arrive in Rome (first night in housing)  
May 16

Course dates  
May 16-June 2

Departure from housing (in Naples)  
June 2 (morning)

**The program will officially start on Monday, May 16th.** When making travel arrangements, be sure to book a flight that arrives no later than 2:30PM. You will need to meet the group in Terminal 3 at the Meeting Point (outside the customs area).

**Preparation Before Leaving**

**Immigration Documents**

**Passport**

A passport is needed to travel to Italy. Apply immediately for a passport if you do not already have one. Passport information and application forms can be found on the U.S. State Department website (http://travel.state.gov/passport). If you already have your passport, make sure it will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the length of your stay abroad.

**Visa**

Students with a US passport participating in this faculty-led short-term program to Italy do not require a student visa. If you do not have a US passport, please contact your IAP Study Abroad Advisor.

**Handling Money Abroad**

The currency in Italy is in Euros. For the latest currency exchange rate, visit www.xe.com/currencyconverter. As of 2/5/2016, 1 US Dollar (USD) = .896 Euros (EUR).

Students can obtain an ISIC (International Student Identity Card) prior to departure. This card entitles the students to discounted rates for the fieldtrip locations you will attend on this program and also to other locations throughout Europe. Details on the ISIC card can be found at www.isic.org. Students should also bring their UW student ID for discounted admission on a variety of entry fees.
**Packing**

All manner of clothing is possible in Italy, within the limits of decency and good taste. Italians do tend to dress up, so you might want to consider that when you pack. You are expected to dress in a respectable manner when visiting churches and monasteries. In order to enter a church, men and women are expected to wear shirts that cover their shoulders (no tank tops). You will see tourists entering churches with far less clothing than is required, but it can be considered offensive. A hat is also good for protection against the strong Mediterranean sun.

Since this trip includes a lot of walking on uneven, cobbled streets (some almost 2500 years old!), you are advised to bring a comfortable pair of shoes, preferably tennis shoes. Flip-flops are not advised for site visits.

**Electronics**

The standard in Italy is 220V AC (50Hz). With the difference in currency, we recommend that you avoid taking U.S. electrical appliances. If you do, pack an adapter together with your electrical appliance, so that you do not have to spend valuable time looking for adapters and transformers during your stay.

**Travel and Arrival Information**

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements, which includes arranging flights that will allow for appropriate arrival time before the course start date. You may wish to arrange flights with other students on the program or fly on your own.

The program will officially start at **Monday, May 16th**. You should choose to arrive in Rome (Fiumicino, also called Leonardo da Vinci – FCO) - [www.adr.it](http://www.adr.it). When making travel arrangements, be sure to book a flight that arrives by 2:30PM. You will need to meet the group in Terminal 3 at the Meeting Point (outside the customs area). The program staff, Program Leader, and other program participants will then board a bus for your accommodation in Rome.

The program will officially end the morning of **Thursday, June 2nd**. After breakfast, you will meet a private bus that will take you to the Rome airport. This bus will leave very early in the morning (approximately 6AM) in order to arrive in Rome by 10:00AM. Please keep in mind that it takes approximately 4 hours to travel from Naples to Rome by bus. If you plan to depart from the Rome airport on June 2nd, you should book a flight **no earlier** than 11:30AM.

You may choose to book your return flight from Rome OR from Naples (Naples International Airport, NAP, [http://www.naples-airport.info/](http://www.naples-airport.info/)). If you depart from Naples, you are responsible for finding your own transportation to the airport. There are taxis which leave from the main train station at Piazza Garibaldi.

**The Academic Program**

**General Information**

There is no better way to learn about the Romans and the Roman Empire than to visit the sites and the museums in the country where their history unfolded. For this course you do not need a textbook. The local guides and your instructor will help you to imagine the course of history against the backdrop of the Eternal City.
**Course Information**
Instruction for this course is grounded in visits to museums and the sites of Roman civilization. Students will write three essays of five pages in length for the value of three credits. One essay covers modern Italian culture and society, while the other two cover buildings from Imperial Rome that have played a central role in the history of the city. On top of the three credits you will receive an educational experience unlike anything else you have ever been through.

**Registration**
IAP will register you for a special "Study Abroad Course" for the term(s) you will be studying abroad; therefore, it is not necessary for you to register on the UW-Madison campus. This is a temporary registration, which will be converted into graded UW-Madison credit after the completion of your program.

**Course Equivalent Requests (CERs)**
Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison “equivalent” and the grade you receive in the course also transfers back to be recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. Detailed information on the UW course equivalent process that you will use through your My Study Abroad account is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and in your My Study Abroad account under the academics tab.

This course cannot be taken for Pass/Fail. Upon successful completion of the course, students will earn 3 UW-Madison credits of Classics 372: Topics in Roman Culture.

You will receive more detailed course information from the Program Leader at program orientation. Planned activities and fieldtrips are subject to change.

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**Summer 2016 Itinerary:**

**Monday, May 16:**
Arrive in Rome  
Upon arrival, meet the bus and driver for airport pick up and drop off at your accommodation. Welcome dinner & walk to Trevi Fountain for gelato  
Overnight in Rome –Hotel Madison

**Tuesday, May 17:**
Guided visit of the Colosseum and Roman Forum  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome –Hotel Madison

**Wednesday, May 18:**
Guided tour of Capitoline Museum, Imperial Fora, and Ghetto  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome –Hotel Madison

**Thursday, May 19:**
Guided tour of Vatican, Vatican Museum, St. Peter's  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome –Hotel Madison

**Friday, May 20:**
Visit to Trajan's Markets and Imperial Fora  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome –Hotel Madison

**Saturday, May 21:**
Free day  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome –Hotel Madison
Sunday, May 22: Free day  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome – Hotel Madison

Monday, May 23: Visit to Piazza Navonna, Pantheon, and Largo Argentina, Campo Dei fiori.  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome – Hotel Madison

Tuesday, May 24: Excursion to Necropolis of Tarquinia and Museum, Necropolis of Cerveteri.  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome – Hotel Madison

Wednesday, May 25: Guided visit to Ostia Antica  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome – Hotel Madison

Thursday, May 26: Visit to Sundial and Mausoleum of Augustus, Ara Pacis  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome – Hotel Madison

Friday, May 27: Excursion to the Villa Borghese  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Rome – Hotel Madison

Saturday, May 28: LEAVE ROME FOR NAPLES  
Travel to Campania with stops at Temple of Jove at Terracina, Villa of Tiberius at Sperlonga.  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Sorrento – Hotel Cosmomare

Sunday, May 29: Free day  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Sorrento – Hotel Cosmomare

Monday, May 30: Guided tour of Pompeii.  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Sorrento – Hotel Cosmomare

Tuesday, May 31: Visit to Herculaneum and hike to top of Mount Vesuvius.  
Breakfast included  
Overnight in Sorrento – Hotel Cosmomare

Wednesday, June 1: Visit to the Museo Archaeologico Nazionale in Naples.  
Breakfast included  
Farewell dinner in Pompeii.  
Overnight in Sorrento – Hotel Cosmomare

Thursday, June 2: Private bus transfer to Rome airport  
Breakfast included
Living Abroad

Italy is located on the Italian Peninsula in southern Europe, and on the two largest islands in the Mediterranean Sea, Sicily and Sardinia. Italy shares its northern Alpine boundary with France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia. The independent states of San Marino and the Vatican City are enclaves within the Italian Peninsula, while Campione d'Italia is an Italian exclave in Switzerland. Italy has been the home of many European cultures, such as the Etruscans and the Romans, and later was the birthplace of the Renaissance, which began in Tuscany and then spread throughout Europe. Italy’s capital, Rome, has been the center of Western civilization, and is the center of the Catholic Church. Today, Italy is a democratic republic. It is a founding member of the European Union and has used the Euro since 1999.

Housing
Housing will consist of double and triple occupancy rooms.

Rome
While in Rome, all participants will be staying at Hotel Madison.

Hotel Madison Roma
Via Marsala, 60
00185 Rome Italy
Tel. (+39) 06 44 54 344
http://www.hotelmadisonrome.com/en

While in Sorrento all participants will be staying at Hotel Cosmomare.

Via Ripa di Cassano, 43 - PIANO
DI SORRENTO
Tel: +39.0818787343
http://www.cosmomare.it/en/

Transportation
Quite a bit of travel will be done on foot. Walking to the various lecture locations is a great way to absorb your surroundings! Be sure to bring some good walking shoes.

When travel to lecture locations cannot be done on foot, the program will utilize local transportation: CircumVesuviana railway line to sites around Naples; public buses in Rome. Some buses will be chartered for longer distances.