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Questions about your program abroad (housing options, facilities abroad, academics, etc.) should be directed to International Academic Programs at UW-Madison.

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Contact Information

On-Site Program Information
Your primary contact in Italy will be UW Professor William Aylward, the Resident Director. Professor Aylward will be staying with students on-site at the Vesuvian Institute in Castellammare and at the Centro in Rome. In the event of an emergency, you may reach him on his cell phone. The number will be given to you after you arrive in Italy.

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In case of an emergency, call the main IAP number **(608) 265-6329** between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; after-hours or on weekends call the IAP staff on call at **(608) 516-9440**.

**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](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 | Consulate General of the US -  
|----------------------|-----------------  
| Via Vittorio Veneto 121 | Piazza della Repubblica  
| 00187 ROMA | 80122 Naples, Italy  
| Telephone (switchboard): +(39) 06.46.74.1 | Tel. (+39) 081.5838.111  

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**Preparation Before Leaving**
Refer to the Pre-Departure Checklist on pages four and five of the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for essential information.

**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](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**
Unless you are a citizen of the European Union, you will need an Italian visa in order to participate in the Rome Summer program. Visa application instructions will be provided to you via your My Study Abroad account.

**Handling Money Abroad**

The currency in Italy is in Euros. For the latest currency exchange rate, visit [www.x-rates.com](http://www.x-rates.com).

Students should 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](http://www.isic.org). You can purchase an ISIC card at STA Travel on State Street.

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.

Women should bring a shoulder bag with a strap that can be worn to the front of their bodies (unless they want to wear a money holder inside their clothes).

**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. Only low voltage hair appliances should be packed.

**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. Please plan to arrive at the program housing no later than 5pm on the program start date of Wednesday, May 19. Prior to this date, you will need to arrange your own accommodations.
Arrival Directions
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Cost estimates for arrival from Rome to Naples by train:
Highspeed train (Frecciarossa): 40 Euro one way, 1.5 hours
Intercity train 20 Euro (one way), 2.5 hours
Local train Naples-Castellammare di Stabia (Circumvesuviana) - 2 euro

Cost estimates for arrival from Naples airport:
Curreri bus outside Naples airport, Sorrento-Pompeii line, ask to get off at Castellammare di Stabia Terme stop - 8 euro one way

Arrival directions from Naples train station to housing:
• Take the train to Napoli Stazione Garibaldi (main train station).
• Exit the train and walk to lower platform following signs for the "Circumvesuviana" - this is the local line that services all towns of the Bay of Naples.
• Buy a ticket for Castellammare di Stabia (approximately 2 Euro) and get on the line in the direction of Sorrento (usually track #3).
• Get off at Castellammare di Stabia-Ville Romane – about a 50 minute ride.
• When you arrive in the train station, look for a sign posted near ticket window for directions on how to walk to the Vesuvian Institute
• If you have heavy luggage, take a taxi and ask for "Instituto"

Arrival directions from Naples airport to housing:
• When you exit the Naples Capodichino airport, walk outside towards parking lot and find the Curreri autobus Napoli-Sorrento.
• Buy a ticket for Castellammare di Stabia terme stop (8 euro). Make sure you specify this second stop!
• When you get off, walk forward in the direction of the mountains. Shortly you will arrive at a small intersection with green + farmacia (pharmacy) on your left
• Make a right on Via Salario where it says "Vesuvian International Institute"
• Walk along road until you see red gate and entrance to Institute

General Information
This program examines the literature, culture and history of ancient Rome. Studying the archaeological remains closely together with literary texts, the class will explore the defining characteristics of ancient Roman civilization, from the Etruscans to the rise and fall of the Empire.

Course Information
You will receive more detailed course information from the Resident Director at program orientation. Planned activities and fieldtrips include (schedule is subject to change):
Summer 2010 Schedule:

Week 1 – Castellammare di Stabia
- Wednesday, May 19 – arrival
- Thursday, May 20 - Archaeological Museum Naples
- Friday, May 21 – Pompeii
- Saturday, May 22 – free
- Sunday, May 23 – free
- Monday, May 24 - Stabia Villas, Herculaneum and Oplontis
- Tuesday, May 25 – Pozzuoli, Archaeological Museum of the Campi Phlegrei at Baiae, Cumae

Week 2 – Rome
- Wednesday, May 26 – Travel day (train to Rome)
- Thursday, May 27 - EUR Museum
- Friday, May 28 – Ostia Antica
- Saturday, May 29 – free
- Sunday, May 30 – free
- Monday, May 31 - Forum Romanum and Imperial For a
- Tuesday, June 1 - Colosseum and Palatine Museum

Week 3 - Rome
- Wednesday, June 2 - Campus Martius: Theater of Pompey, Pantheon, Ara Pacis Museum
- Thursday, June 3 - Capitoline Museum
- Friday, June 4 - Palazzo Massimo alle Terme Museum, Baths of Diocletian
- Saturday, June 5 – Free
- Sunday June 6 – Free
- Monday, June 7 – Final Exam
- Tuesday, June 8 – Departure

The class will meet during the week every day. Upon successful completion of the course, students will earn 3 credits of Classics 372: Topics in Roman Culture.

For all fieldtrips you may be required to read assigned readings, so that you come to the site with at least a basic understanding of the historical and cultural importance of the site that is visited.

Required texts & readings: TBA

Grading: *This course cannot be taken for Pass/Fail*

**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.

(Information in this paragraph adapted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy.)

Housing
Castellammare di Stabia: May 19 – 25, departing May 26
While in Castellammare di Stabia all participants will be staying at the Institute for Vesuvian International Institute, a residential instruction facility operated by the Restoring Ancient Stabiae Foundation. It provides classrooms and other instructional venues, including a small computer lab and wireless internet access. Rooms at the Institute include an en-suite bath and a study desk. Meals are served in a common dining hall.

The Vesuvian Institute is located above the town center of Castellammare di Stabia, within walking distance of the CircumVesuviana Railway station. A "send out" laundry service is available at the Institute.

Travelers should be aware that the Vesuvian Institute is on the bluff above town and requires a strenuous walk up hill to reach it. Taxis are available, with a fare of approximately 10 euro each way.

Address:
Vesuvian International Institute for Archaeology and the Humanities
Via Salario 12
Castellammare di Stabia (NA)
80053 ITALIA
Off. (011) + 39 -081-871-7114
Cell (011) + 39-339-673-5819
*Please note that students are responsible for any additional charges you accrue on your own (In-Room phones, misc. expenses, etc.)

Rome: May 26 – June 7, departing June 8
From May 26 – June 7, all participants will be staying at the Center for Intercollegiate Classical Studies (the "Centro") in Rome. Located in a four-story building on one of the main streets of the Janiculum, the Center is ten minutes by bus from the Piazza Venezia and downtown Rome. It is close to the American Academy in Rome with which it maintains cordial relations. The building is owned by the Suore Infermiere dell'Addolorata, and contains bedrooms (mostly doubles) for 36 students, classrooms, a library, offices, dining rooms, and a kitchen. Outside is a small and pleasant garden. The neighborhood is residential with apartment buildings, small shops, cafes, and services.

Address:
Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies
Meals
At the Centro (May 26 – June 7), all meals will be provided except on Saturday and Sunday. Box lunches will be available for trips.

At the Vesuvian Institute in Castellammare di Stabia (May 19 – 25), all meals will be provided (even on weekends).

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 Castellammare; public buses in Rome. Some buses will be chartered for longer distances.

Communication
Mail
See housing locations for mailing addresses.

Telephone
General calling information is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook,

Email
There is wireless Internet access both at the Vesuvian Institute as well as at the Centro, but only 2 computers are open to student use at the Vesuvian Institute so students are advised to bring their own laptops as there is only one internet café in the town of Castellammare di Stabia, others located in the more touristy town of Sorrento. Internet access should be fairly easy to find in heavy tourist areas in Naples, Rome, and throughout Europe.