

ITALY

Investigating Environmental and Economic Change



J-Term 2014

Explore Rome and rural Italy, a region where human beings have altered the environment for thousands of years and had to adjust to nature's volcanic and earthquake surprises. The ancient still lives side by side with the modern in Italy so it serves as a living laboratory of economic and environmental change. Highlights include:

- Learn the ancient common property basis for alpine resource management in Trentino.
- Study water and fisheries management in the Venice Lagoon.
- Explore the Colosseum, The Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Pantheon, the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel.

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Credit:

ECON 315

- Department Credit
- GenEd Credit (SO)

Program Cost:

\$6,000

Includes airfare, lodging, program related transportation, and supplemental study abroad insurance. Some need-based scholarships available

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Course Description:

This class will learn about economic opportunities and constraints in Rome and Italy as people changed from human drawn carts to automobiles, from watch-towers to wireless phones, from city states to a nation state. It will study the historical and modern efforts of Italy to solve important economic and environmental issues such as traffic congestion, air pollution, water pollution, national park development and antiquities preservation.

Students will visit lemon, olive, and orange farms committed to sustainable development and organic production. Students will learn about environmental impacts during the Roman empire and examine evidence of ancient land use in Pompeii. Students will also have the opportunity to investigate the common property management of alpine resources in the Magnificent Community of Fiemme, in the Dolomite region of the Italian Alps.

Application Deadline:

September 30, 2013. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required with the application. A \$250 non-refundable payment to confirm participation in the course is due within 10 days of notification of acceptance. Maximum 18 students.

