

ITALY

Church History Studies: Reformation Initiatives for the Poor in Rome



J-Term 2014

This course introduces students to the revolutionary reform of church and society in the 16th century city of Rome, a reform initiated by Martin Luther and countered by Ignatius Loyola. Yet both reformers were committed to advocacy for the poor, the hungry, and the marginalized. Program highlights include:

- Immersing oneself in a cultural history of 2000 years.
- Experiencing the social values of the Italian people.
- Exploring the significant relationship between religion and public life.
- Learning from the social projects of two remarkable reformers of the 16th century.

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Credit:

RELI 361

- Department Credit
- GenEd Credit (RC)

Program Cost:
\$5,400

Includes airfare, lodging, program related transportation, entrance fees, some meals, and supplemental study abroad insurance.

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Course Description:

Based in the city of Rome, students will visit and study the Coliseum, Roman Forum, and Trajan's Market; the catacomb of St. Callistus and 1st c. house church of St. Clement; the 5th c. Cave of Benedict in the Appenine mountains; and the 13th c. the high medieval hill town of Assisi with its artistic treasures inspired by Francis and Clare. In 16th c. Rome, students will visit and study S. Maria del Popolo, the Lutheran Christ Church, Basilica of St. Peter, the Sistine Chapel, and Vatican Musuems, the Gesu, St. Ignatius, the Roman College, the first Jesuit welfare centers, and the Borgo Santo Spirito. Study of early modern Rome will be enriched by meeting with representatives from the World Food Programme and members of the Sant' Egidio lay community (nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize) who work among immigrants, the poor, and homeless in contemporary Rome.

Application Deadline:

The Wang Center Application is due April 12th, 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. Professor Torvend also requires a supplementary application to be submitted by March 18th at 5pm. Please check the Wang Center website for the application.

