

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This course uses general principles and themes from economics to investigate how humans adjust to economic and environmental changes brought on by commerce, conquest, technological change and natural events such as earthquakes and volcanoes. As we travel through many sites in Italy, we explore the functioning of markets, the role of institutions, and the use of its natural resources, such as the Venetian Lagoon, to its ancient, medieval, and modern economic history. By immersing ourselves in both academic literature and visiting important sites, we develop first-hand knowledge of the economic and environmental incentives that induced human beings to alter these environments for thousands of years.



Investigating Economic and Environmental Change in Europe



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS*

- Cinque Terre-walking tour, NGO visits, Orvieto, waterfall swimming, meeting with mayor
- Naples-underground ancient Greek "Macellum" ruins and National Archeological Museum
- Pompeii—organic farms, ruins, and orchards
- Sorrento-Paper Museum, Paestum Archeological Area, cheese factory
- · Rome-Colosseum, Vatican
- · Venice, Cavalese, ski day
- *May be subject to change

Educating to achieve a just, healthy, sustainable and peaceful world, both locally and globally.

ACADEMICS

 ECON 215 -- 4 credits
 Prerequisite: ECON 101 or 111, or consent of instructor

Program fee will be finalized by April 1, 2015. Check the Wang Center/Study Away Website for final pricing.

Fees generally include the following (check website for more details):

- Airfare
- Lodging
- Study tours
- Foreign travel insurance
- Some meals

Participants in this program may apply for a Global Scholar Award. Please contact the Wang Center for additional information and the application.

Brue Travel Award Funding Contact Dr. Travis for more information.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- February 20, 2015 Application available
- April 20, 2015 Application deadline (\$50 non-refundable application fee)
- May 8, 2015 Notifications sent
- May 22, 2015 Confirmation deadline (\$300 confirmation deposit)

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