

Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: ITALY

Approximate Program Dates: Three weeks in May (subject to change)

Program Focus:

This program is designed to provide students with a choice of courses while they experience the Italian culture first hand. Course proposals are welcome from all academic fields, as long as they relate closely to Italy.

Program Description:

All roads lead to Rome which is where the program starts. Rome, the eternal city, has an ambiance like no other. Here the ancient world is integrated with the modern. Rome means history. Bernini fountains, baroque basilicas, Michelangelo frescos, and street markets are found in the same city with chic designer stores, terrific restaurants, and a contemporary mass transit system. After Rome the program continues to the Tuscany region which is distinguished by rolling hills, snowcapped mountains, and dramatic cypress trees, providing gorgeous views at practically every turn. The region is known for art, architecture, wine, cheese, and olive oil. In Tuscany we will stay at the rival cities of Siena and Florence. One of Italy's best preserved medieval towns, Siena was built on three hills and is surrounded by well preserved city walls and filled with fine examples of Gothic and early Renaissance architecture. Next we travel to Florence, home of the Renaissance and birthplace of the modern urban lifestyle. Many consider Florence Europe's cultural capital. The program will finish in Cinque Terre, five villages undisturbed by traffic or modern development, clinging to a stretch of the Riviera coastline. The villages are linked by a milk-run train, a ferry, and a fantastic trail which draws hikers from all over the world.

Responsibilities Prior to Departure:

Attend Faculty and Student Orientations
Recruit
Provide Syllabus

Responsibilities during the Program:

Teach Course
Assist with Excursions
Assist with Program Operations

Benefits:

Two thousand dollar honorarium (paid through your institution), one single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, Tennessee, all ground transportation, housing, food, excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

Expenses not covered by TnCIS:

Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, personal spending money.