

Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: ITALY

Approximate Program Dates: Three weeks in June (Subject to change – final dates are set in August prior to the fall faculty orientation.)

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

Program Description:

Italy, like many other European countries has plentiful works of art, breathtaking architecture, exquisite ancient ruins, wonderful museums, and an unparalleled natural beauty. But what makes Italy truly unique, is its diverse cities, authentic culture, and enduring history.

Rome, unlike any other city in the world is Italy's capital and largest city. Nestled along the Tiber River, Rome is the birthplace of both the Roman Empire and the Roman Catholic Church. Both an ancient and a thriving contemporary city, Rome is full of innovation, historical preservation, opulent art, architecture, along with artisan shops, local restaurants, and a contemporary mass transit system.

After Rome, the program travels by train to one of the most beautiful places in the world, the Italian Riviera. Nestled along the coast of the Mediterranean, Cinque Terre is a collection of five towns in the Liguria region. Each of the charming towns, connected by both rail and hiking trails, offers a unique perspective in small town coastal living. Here, where pesto was invented, does one see the vital significance in farming, environmental protection, and preservation, as well as sustainable tourism.

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. With winding cobblestone streets, unique basilicas, and phenomenal cuisine, Siena is truly one of the most special cities in all of Italy.

Home of the Renaissance, it is easily understood why some call our last stop, Florence Europe's cultural capital. Both a quaint town and a bustling urban city, Florence houses some of the most famous works of art and architecture in the world. This vital city is full of pedestrians who walk along its Arno River and winding streets, enjoying open air shopping, food and handmade leather markets.

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:

Taxable two thousand- and two-hundred-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.