

## Program Description for Prospective Faculty

**Program:** ITALY

**Approximate Program Dates:** Three weeks in May (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 first hand. Course proposals are welcome from all academic fields, as long as they relate closely to Italy.

### Program Description:

*You may have the universe if I may have Italy.* Giuseppe Verdi

Italy is beauty. Italy is history, art, architecture, food, wine, and culture. Italy is legacy. A legacy of art and architecture that extends through every era from ancient to the most contemporary. Offering an excellent opportunity to experience the development of western art, civilization, society, and culture. Italy offers the perfect setting for the study of many academic disciplines.

Rome means history. It is Italy's capital and largest city, birthplace of the Renaissance, the Roman Empire, and the Roman Catholic Church. An ambience unlike any other, learn why it is called the eternal city. Rich with beauty, history, opulent art, and fine cuisine there is so much to see in Rome. 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 regions, which is distinguished by rolling hills, snow-capped 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. With such a convenient and modern train system, day trips to Pisa, Lucca, and San Gimignano are a breeze.

Lastly, we travel by train to the city unlike any other, Venice, Italy. Venice is full of epic grandeur, signature canals, opulent architecture, and inventive cuisine. The city built on water, continues to defy convention at every turn. Fabulous palaces and churches reflect centuries of history in what was a wealthy trading center between Europe and the Orient. There is always something new to discover in a city that continues to excite, enlighten and surprise at every turn.

### 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.