

## **ITALY: GRAND TOUR REDUX**

IDH 4007 (Spring) and IDH 4008 (Summer C)

### **FIU HONORS COLLEGE**

#### **FACULTY**

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Rome, Pompeii, Florence, Pisa, Siena, Cinque Terre, and Venice – an Honors College seminar taught on location in the most historic and magical destinations in Italy. Grand Tour Redux is built on the premise that understanding our past enables us to understand ourselves. This interdisciplinary course examines the cultural legacy of classical antiquity and the Renaissance and the influence of these eras on the contemporary world. The seminar reconstructs the traditional 18th century Grand Tour.

Students can reflect on the contemporary and personal relevance of Italian culture in a 21st century world. Do Roman republican morals guide US civic principles? Do Renaissance notions of individual autonomy define our own? Does Venetian capitalism serve as a model for US business practices? Students walk in the steps of Julius Caesar in the Roman Forum, witness the catastrophic consequences of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, visualize Michelangelo painting the Sistine Chapel, visit the architectural marvels of Florence, and cross the Bridge of Sighs in Venice. The course recreates history through telling the story of individuals and relating those stories to our own times. Be there to meet Julius Caesar, Augustus, Hadrian, St. Peter, Marco Polo, Dante, Lorenzo de Medici, Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo, and Gentilleschi. Housed primarily in apartments, students have the experience of living in Italy. “All paths lead to Rome,” or do they?

**NOTE: Course content features sexually explicit and/or violent artworks and texts. In addition, many Miami class meetings are off campus; students must provide their own transportation.**

#### **REQUIRED TEXTS & FILMS**

The following required text course materials may be purchased in either print or e-book format. Films are available at either FIU Libraries or Miami-Dade County Public Libraries.

##### **Texts**

- Dan Brown. *Inferno*. New York. Doubleday, 2013. ISBN: 9780385537858
- Dante, Alighieri. *The Divine Comedy I, Inferno*. London: Penguin, 2006. ISBN 9780140448955
- King, Ross. *Brunelleschi's Dome: How a Renaissance Genius Reinvented Architecture*. New York, NY: Penguin, 2001. Print. ISBN: 9780142000151
- Machiavelli, Niccolo. *The Prince*. London: Penguin, 2003. Print. ISBN 9780140449150

- Shakespeare, William, and William Montgomery. *Julius Caesar*. New York: Penguin, 2000. Print. ISBN: 9780140714685

### **Films**

- *Angels & Demons*. Ron Howard. Sony Pictures Entertainment, 2009. Film.
- *Artemisia*. Agnès Merlet. Miramax Zoë, 1997. Film.
- "Rome, Episodes 1-12, Season 1." *Rome*. Heller, Bruno, John Milius, and William J. MacDonald. HBO. 2005. Television.
- *To Rome with Love*. Woody Allen. Sony Pictures Entertainment, 2012. Film.

### **COURSE CALENDAR**

Course Calendar is on Google Calendar. Students will be provided with a link to calendar.

### **GRADING RUBRIC**

Each student accrues points over the length of the semester. The final semester point total equals a letter grade based the official FIU grade scale (Note: Please disregard the Blackboard percentage).

#### **Spring**

Class Participation: 10 points

Italia America Project: 20 points

Aesthetics & Values as Text: 5 points

Deering as Text: 5 points

PAMM as Text: 5 points

Vizcaya as Text: 5 points

HBO "Rome 1-6" quiz: 5 points

"Julius Caesar" quiz: 5 points

HBO "Rome 7-12" quiz: 5 points

Dante "Inferno" quiz: 5 points

"Brunelleschi's Dome" quiz: 5 points

"Prince" quiz: 5 points

Brown "Inferno" quiz: 5 points

"Angels and Demons" and "To Rome with Love" quiz: 5 points

Lectures I quiz: 5 points

Lectures II quiz: 5 points

#### **Summer**

Grand Tour Project: 20 points

Cinque Terre as Text: 5 points

Firenze as Text: 5 points

Pompeii as Text: 5 points

Roma as Text: 5 points  
Siena as Text: 5 points  
Tivoli as Text: 5 points  
Venezia as Text: 5 points  
Classical Rome 1 quiz: 5 points  
Classical Rome 2 quiz: 5 points  
Catholic Rome quiz: 5 points  
Cinque Terre quiz: 5 points  
Florence 1 quiz: 5 points  
Florence 2 quiz: 5 points  
Pompeii quiz: 5 points  
Siena and Pisa quiz: 5 points  
Venice 1 quiz: 5 points  
Venice 2 quiz: 5 points

Final grade/total points equivalency

100.0 – 93.00: A  
92.99 – 90.00: A-  
89.99 – 87.00: B+  
86.99 – 83.00: B  
82.99 – 80.00: B-  
79.99 – 77.00: C+  
76.99 – 73.00: C  
72.99 – 70.00: C-  
69.99 – 67.00: D+  
66.99 – 63.00: D  
62.99 – 60.00: D-  
59.99 – 00.00: F

### **Class Participation Criteria**

1. participation in class discussions
2. attendance to class and class excursions
3. preparation for class
4. concentration in class (no texting, no sleeping, and so forth)
5. prompt submission of required information and documents to the Honors College and the Office of Study Abroad

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Each student is allowed one absence per semester. Every absence in excess of this will drop the student's final semester grade by one full letter grade. Three or more absences will result in an "F" for the semester.

## HONORS COLLEGE STUDY ABROAD POLICIES:

IDH 4007 is the pre-trip class on campus, and IDH 4008 is the actual class abroad.

### Payments

- Students that do not comply with the payment due dates stated on [my.fiu.edu](http://my.fiu.edu), Financials section, will be charged by the university a late fee of \$100.00.
- Students that fail to complete payments within 2 weeks after the deadline will not be allowed to participate in IDH 4008. Refunds will NOT be awarded.

### Documentation

- ALL Office of Study Abroad (OSA) required documentation must be uploaded to [abroad.fiu.edu](http://abroad.fiu.edu) by December 15, 2017, 23:59 pm. Students who do not comply with the deadline will not be allowed to participate in IDH 4008. Refunds will NOT be awarded.
- The documentation required by OSA is at [abroad.fiu.edu](http://abroad.fiu.edu). It includes: Medical Form, Course Registration Form, copy of valid passport, and four questionnaires: 1) personal information form, 2) emergency contact form, 3) special needs form, and 4) financial information form.
- The Medical Form is valid for only one year as of the date it is signed by a physician licensed in the United States and cannot expire before the end of the trip.
- Passport must remain valid for at least 6 months after the last day of the trip.
- Students that do not have a valid passport by the deadline mentioned above must instead submit proof that the passport application/renewal process has been initiated, and must replace it with a copy of their actual passport no later than the end of IDH 4007. If they fail to comply by the deadline, they will not be allowed to participate in IDH 4008. Refunds will NOT be awarded.
- Students must clear any existing holds by April 30, 2018 (and December 1, 2017, for Costa Rica.) Students that fail to comply by the deadline will not be allowed to participate in IDH 4008. Refunds will NOT be awarded.

ONLY FOR STUDENTS THAT SECURE THEIR SPOT AFTER DECEMBER 5, 2017  
The deadline to upload the required documentation will be extended until March 19, 2018, and October 30, 2017 respectively (final DROP date). Students that fail to comply by the deadline will not be allowed to participate in IDH 4008. Refunds will NOT be awarded.

### Physicality

Study Abroad programs can be physically demanding. Students must be physically able to participate in the programs.

### Academics

- Students have to be in good Honors academic standing (see <http://honors.fiu.edu/students/policies/>) in order to secure a spot in an Honors study abroad program. Refunds will NOT be awarded.
- A minimum grade of C in IDH 4007 is required to be enrolled in IDH 4008. Refunds will NOT be awarded.

### **Behavior**

- Students who have been sanctioned under the FIU Student Code of Conduct ([https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-support/student-conduct-and-conflict-resolution/student-code-of-conduct%20/\\_assets/Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf](https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-support/student-conduct-and-conflict-resolution/student-code-of-conduct%20/_assets/Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf)), which results in loss of privileges and/or other sanctions that result in the student not being considered to be in good standing with the University (e.g., conduct probation,) are not eligible to participate in IDH 4008. Refunds will NOT be awarded.
- Students studying abroad are expected to represent the Honors College and FIU honorably and maturely. The faculty director and/or staff are authorized to end the trip early for students whose behavior becomes disruptive (and/or whose behavior violates the Student Code of Conduct), and the student risks dismissal from the Honors College in accordance with the posted dismissal policy for misconduct.
- By signing up to participate in a study abroad program, students are assuming all the above-mentioned responsibilities and are committing to comply with them without further notices.

### **HONORS POLICIES**

Please review the following policy:

<http://honors.fiu.edu/honors-policies/>

### **HONORS COLLEGE CITIZENSHIP**

Please review the following policy:

<http://honors.fiu.edu/current-students/citizenship/>

### **HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT PORTFOLIOS**

Please review the following policy:

<http://honors.fiu.edu/current-students/portfolio/>