

Landscape Architecture Italy Fall 2009

The 2009 Cal Poly Pomona Landscape Architecture Italy Program will conduct its 17th session during the Fall 2009 academic quarter. Participants in the 2009 Landscape Architecture Italy program will again live and study at the Santa Chiara Study Center in Castiglion Fiorentino about fifty miles southeast of Florence in the Tuscany region. The session is a great opportunity to visit one of the oldest and culturally accomplished cultures. The art, architecture, and landscapes of Italy are a remarkable blend of Greek, Roman, Medieval, Renaissance and contemporary expressions. In addition, the Italians continue to engage time-honored landscape practices that exemplify sustainable methods and alternatives.

The academic focus of the session will again be the region surrounding Castiglion Fiorentino. We will spend part of the semester learning about the environmental and social systems related to the community. With this comprehension, we will develop perceptual and environmental strategies for the design and planning of the landscape surrounding the community.

Schedule

The twelve-week academic program begins on Monday, September 7, 2009 and concludes on November 30, 2009.** The weekly schedule consist of studio and lectures M-TU-W (Th). from 8 A.M. to 6P.M. with an hour break for lunch. Dinner occurs each evening at 7:30 P.M.- 8:30 P.M.; we normally devote the evenings to the painting and graphics class. Wednesdays or Thursdays are relegated to field trips; F-S-Su are open for individual travel and study. Two three day field trips, one to Venice and the other to the Rome will occur in September and early November respectively. Fall break occurs October 24-31; students have the opportunity to visit the Amalfi Coast and Pompeii/Herculaneum or other destinations during the break.

** Dates may vary; confirmation by spring, 2009.

Courses

Courses include fifteen hours of academic study, These include LA 401/I senior design, LA 421 senior seminar, LA 423/I history (the urban landscape), LA 464 Professional Practice, and LA 499 painting/graphics. Graduate students enroll in LA 512, and are encouraged to enroll in the LA 499 Painting class and the LA 423 Urban History course. All Classes are taught by Cal Poly Pomona landscape architecture faculty.

Documents

An important component in your travel to Italy is a valid US passport or a valid visa for individuals not holding US passports. Please begin the process of acquiring a passport or visa immediately. As we approach the summer season, the passport offices become backlogged with applications, thereby

making acquisition of the document a problem later in the summer. Passport forms may be acquired at post offices. Individuals requiring visas must apply to the Italian Consul in Los Angeles.

Transportation

Each participant is responsible for acquiring transportation to and from Italy. Several airline companies offer competitive rates to students.. Generally, Airline flights cost \$800-900.00 round trip LA-Italy. Less expensive fares are possible by traveling to London, Paris, or Frankfurt. These destinations would give you the opportunity to take the train to Italy And to see some spectacular landscapes along the route. Individuals who are constrained by time factors should fly to Florence and then take the one hour train ride to Castiglion Fiorentino.

Language

Part of the academic program includes Italian language instruction However, participants are encouraged to acquire as much language facility before leaving for Italy. The Italians are friendly and encourage your use of Italian language regardless of your level of facility. Knowing Italian can increase the value of your stay multifold.

Budget for the 2009 session***

The cost for the program consists of the following components:

Fees for fifteen units for the twelve week session(In-state undergraduate students)

\$840.00

Room, Board, field trips, language instruction, studios, room cleaning, laundry, management.

Meals and admission fees are not included on field trips. Dinner only provided on Saturday and Sunday evenings. 7500.00

Airfare 900.00

Total \$9240.00

*** Estimates contingent upon Dollar/Euro rates.

Participants should be aware that the budget does not include spending money. Individuals should allow an additional \$1500.00 for such purposes. Individuals cover the cost of transportation and hotels during the Amalfi trip or other destinations; some meals are provided on the Rome and Venice fieldtrip. Admission to museums and cultural sites is not included .

Deposits

As a way of securing a place in the session a deposit of \$100.00 is due by April 1, 2009. The deposit is refundable.

For further information regarding the program, please contact Phil Pregill at (909) 869-4431 or by e-mail at pnpregill@csupomona.edu.

We look forward to your participation.