

THIS COURSE IS ONLY OPEN TO UMAIE STUDENTS

UMAIE: Mediterranean Crossroads: Peoples and Environments from Sicily to Rome



Program Highlights

- The course is directed by Professor Ivancica Schrunck and Thomas Schrunck
- Visit cultural sites throughout the Mediterranean beginning in Sicily and ending in Rome with stops in Pompeii and Naples
- Prerequisites: None.
- Fulfills: HIST and Classical Civ. major/minor req; Sustainability minor; substitute for ENVR 212 Sust. in Context; WAC - WTL

This course will explore cultural and historical landscapes from Sicily to Rome, examining the diversity of human–environmental relationships through time based on historical, archaeological, literary and ecological evidence.

Academic Overview

Ancient youth learned about Mediterranean peoples and environments from the epic voyages of Odysseus and Aeneas, and from the arduous missions of Heracles. Our journey takes us first to Sicily, the key island at the intersection of Greek and Roman worlds and their cultural interaction with societies in Africa, Asia and Europe. We make our way to Rome, stopping at Pompeii and Naples. Our central themes are cultural and historical landscapes, which are defined by human relationships with the environment. Our perspectives on the nature and diversity of these relationships through time are drawn from historical, archaeological, literary and ecological evidence. Greek colonies and Roman rural estates in Sicily engage us with the issues of ancient and contemporary migrations, settlement patterns and land management, slavery and technology. In Pompeii, a once living city, we study how individuals and states respond to natural disasters. In Rome, we explore a long history of sustainable urban development and state ideology.

Required Readings

The Odyssey/Homer, translation, introduction and notes by B. B. Powell, Oxford University Press 2015.

I. Malkin, A Small Greek World: Networks in the Ancient Mediterranean, Oxford University Press 2011.

Robert Kebric, Roman People, 4th edition, Mayfield 2005. (ancient texts in translation; chapters on Sicily, Pompeii and Rome).

Amanda Claridge, Rome: An Oxford Archaeological Guide, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press 2010.

Course packet articles and select readings.

Evaluation

20% Group Participation and Attendance

30% Academic Journal

20% Four short reflection essays

30% Research Paper

Description of Faculty Directors



Dr. Schrunck is a History faculty member at the University of St. Thomas specializing in ancient history, archaeology, art and classical languages of the Mediterranean world. She has done research and field work in Europe, the Near East and North Africa. She conducts an archaeological and environmental project on an island in Croatia, with students and volunteers. Dr. Schrunck has led seven UMAIE courses in Rome.



Tom Schrunck holds an M.A. in Art History and has extensive research, study and work in India, Croatia, Italy, North Africa, Syria and Lebanon. He has been excavating with Dr. Schrunck in Croatia for the past eleven summers and has been assistant director for six UMAIE courses in Rome.

Cost

Click on the Budget Sheet link above for detailed cost information.

Total cost includes: tuition, transportation and course arrangements as indicated, hotel accommodations and some meals.

Application Procedures & Deadline

- Select the Apply Now button at the top to start your online application.
- Log in using your St. Thomas username and password.
- Complete all application materials by the application deadline. Students are encouraged to apply during the priority enrollment period, April 1-10, 2018. Applications will be accepted after April 10 for programs with space still remaining until the final application deadline of October 1, 2018.
- Download and read [Short-Term Off-Campus Policies and Procedures](#). You are responsible for reading, understanding and abiding by its content.

Priority Application Deadline: April 10, 2018

Final Application Deadline: October 1, 2018

Financial Aid/Scholarships

The Financial Aid Office will combine your enrollment for J-term along with the spring semester to disburse spring semester financial aid. Consider the cost for both terms when determining any additional funding you may require. Review [Financial Aid for Study Abroad](#). Additional aid in the form of scholarships may also be available from St. Thomas and some co-sponsoring organizations. Refer to our [Scholarships](#) webpage for details. Review [Short-Term Off-Campus Policies and Procedures](#) for additional financial aid information.

For more information

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