Program Highlights
- The course is directed by Professor Ivancica Schrunk and Thomas Schrunk
- 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.
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. Schrunk 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. Schrunk has led seven UMAIE courses in Rome.

Tom Schrunk 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. Schrunk 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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