



SUMMER 2020 STUDY ABROAD

Italy

Rome/Siena/Florence, Italy

May 19 – June 3rd, 2020

ENGL 4420/7420

CORE 3379

3 Undergraduate Credits

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This two-week (14 nights in Italy), three-credit study abroad course in May and June 2020 will combine first hand experiences of international travel with a study of the literary history of travel writing. We will fly to Rome and spend five days exploring the rich history and culture of the city, including a guided tour of ancient Roman ruins, a visit to the Vatican, and a walking tour that takes in the rich artistic history on display in Rome's churches. From Rome we will travel up to the medieval city of Siena, where we will visit local sites of interest, including a day-long tour of the Chianti countryside, with stops for gelato and a world-class vineyard. From Siena we will take a short bus ride to Florence, where we will spend six days taking in the famous art museums and historical sites throughout the city. Along the way, we will allow plenty of leisure time to discuss literary travel essays and short stories, while working on our own travel writing, drawn from our immediate experiences. The course may be taken for either graduate or undergraduate credit; it may also be taken for enrichment rather than for credit. This course fulfills the Core III, Engaging the World requirement.

Tentative Itinerary

May 19th:	Depart from NYC
May 20th:	Arrive to Rome
May 20th – May 24th:	Rome
May 25th:	Depart Rome for Siena
May 25th – May 27th:	Siena
May 28th:	Depart Siena for Florence
May 28th – June 2nd:	Florence
June 3rd:	Depart Florence via bus for Rome airport to return to NYC

Program Eligibility and Participant Requirements

Participants should be aware that the trip will involve:

- Walking 6 miles a day
- Adapting to a different diet: Traditional Italian cuisine
- Dressing and behaving according to local customs
- Self-navigate (i.e. travel throughout the city/ sites and/or use public transportation independently, etc.)
- Exposure to high temperatures and/or humidity

* If you require accommodations to participate, students are encouraged to begin discussions with Disability Support Services at least six (6) months before the trip's scheduled departure date. If you have any questions about this process, please contact DSS at: dss@shu.edu

Program Costs to Student in Addition to SHU Tuition and Airfare:

SHU tuition will include a 25% discount

Round-trip Airfare	800
Local Travel	500
Lodging	1800
Meals	700
Portion of instructor travel costs	300

TOTAL: \$4,100*

*Total price does not include summer tuition. Price subject to change based on number of participants and any other changes.

Basis for SHU Grade in the Course

- Critical writing in response to readings
- Creative writing: travel writing
- Class Participation
- Participation in all trip tours and meetings