

## PRELIMINARY ITINERARY FOR WINTER 2018 STUDY ABROAD TO ITALY – Subject to minor changes

Nov 4, 2017	Mandatory orientation for all participants held on Saturday morning on the GCC campus.
Jan 8-11, 2018	On-campus classes for Art History
Jan 13 (Sat)	Depart from LAX for Rome
Jan 14 (Sun)	Late arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport. Transportation by private coach to our lovely apartment in the San Pietro area of Rome, close to the Vatican. The apartments are twin-share rooms, normally in two-bedroom units, so 4 students will share each apartment unit.
Jan 15 (M)	Welcome orientation of San Pietro with a walking tour of the area including how to use the (included) public transportation pass. Class time followed by a welcome dinner at a Rome restaurant.
Jan 16 (Tu)	Guided walking tour of Rome during which you can admire the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, the Spanish steps and many other highlights of the “Eternal City”. There will be time in the afternoon to re-group and have classes.
Jan 17 (W)	Classes and exploring Rome’s culture, history and geography.
Jan. 18 (Th)	Morning visit to the Colosseum with free time to explore Ancient Rome & the Forum. Afternoon class time.
Jan 19 (Fri)	Classes and exploring Rome’s culture, history and geography not only in the classroom, but also by exploring the city’s museums, historical sites, and points of interest using public transportation.
Jan 20 (Sat)	Free day to explore Rome’s culture, history and geography. You might even consider using your transport pass to visit Ostia Antica, ancient Rome’s main port.
Jan 21 (Sun)	Morning visit to Porta Portese, Italy’s largest flea market. Afterward, you are free to relax, study, or explore.
Jan 22 (M)	Classes and exploring Rome’s culture, history and geography. Prepare for our Tuscany adventure.
Jan 23 (Tu)	We commence our 4-day excursion by boarding our private coach to Siena and on to Florence. We’ll have a brief orientation upon our arrival, with the evening is free to explore Florence.
Jan 24 (W)	Guided walking tour of Florence to see the Duomo, one of Italy’s largest churches, as well as the adjacent baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and Ponte Vecchio. Remainder of the day exploring Florence.
Jan 25 (Th)	Day to explore Florence. Art History class will visit the Uffizi and Accademia galleries (others are welcome).
Jan 26 (F)	Morning journey to Pisa where we explore the Cathedral of Pisa and the Leaning Tower. We will then head back to Florence where the bus will continue on to Rome, arriving in the late evening. Alternatively, you can explore further afield to explore more of Italy on your own for the weekend. You’d then make your own arrangements back to Rome on Sunday. One option is to visit Bologna with Prof. Frontini. The estimated cost for this option is €150-200 per person sharing a room with another student, and we can help you organize this. Either way, you will need to return to Rome no later than Sunday night at 9pm.
Jan 27 (Sat)	Free day to explore.
Jan 28 (Sun)	Free day to explore. Mandatory group meeting at 9:30pm.
Jan 29 (M)	Classes and exploring Rome’s culture, history and geography. <b>Baroque Churches</b>
Jan 30 (Tu)	Classes and exploring Rome’s culture, history and geography. <b>Vatican</b>
Jan 31 (W)	Classes and exploring Rome’s culture, history and geography.
Feb 1 (Th)	Classes and exploring Rome’s culture, history and geography. <b>Borghese Gallery</b>

- Feb 2 (F) Exploring Rome's culture, history and geography not only in the classroom, but also by exploring the city's museums, historical sites, and points of interest using public transportation.
- Feb 3 (Sat) Free day to explore Rome OR an optional 2-day/ 1-night visit to see the ruins of Pompeii & Napoli's archaeological museum. This would cost an estimated €150 for transport, Napoli hotel, entry fee & guide is if sharing the hotel room with another student.
- Feb 4 (Sun) Free day to explore Rome (or Pompeii).
- Feb 5 (M) Final exams and Farewell Dinner.
- Feb 6 (Tu) Morning departure by private bus to Fiumicino Airport for our flight back home.