

ROME SUMMER 2024

INSTRUCTORS: Christine Sawicki, MBA and RPh, and Brian Garcia, Ph.D.

PROGRAM DATES: Friday, July 5, 2024 to Tuesday, August 6, 2024

COST: \$5,200 for one course, or \$7,000 for two courses, plus airfare for a round-trip flight BOS to FCO and personal spending money.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- 3 or 6 CREDITS – All students will take at least one three-credit course: **HRS 119** or **PHI 151**. Students also have the option to take *both* courses, for a slightly increased fee. **HRS 119** counts for the Classes of 2025 and 26 as a Social Science in the Person and Society part of the Core Curriculum; for the Class of 2027, it counts as Social Science in the Social and Historical Pillar. **PHI 151** counts for all classes as the second course in Philosophy, as either a Seminar in the Core (for classes 25 and 26) or a Cornerstone in the Foundations Program; students who have already completed their second Philosophy course can inquire and discuss with the instructor the possibility of an independent study option which would fulfill either the third Philosophy course or another requirement.
- LODGING FOR 31 DAYS – All students will be housed in Assumption University's Villino Dufault, our residence in Rome. The building includes double occupancy rooms most with *en suite* bathrooms, a dining area, classroom, and lounge area. All linens including pillows are provided. Laundry facilities are available in the house.
- DINING – The program includes a light continental breakfast and dinner four nights per week in the Villino Dufault, along with most lunches and dinners during group excursions. Lunches are not covered during the week, but refrigerator, cabinet storage, and a microwave are available for students to store and prepare their own lunches.
- EXCURSIONS – There will be one weekend trip to Florence provided by the Program, which includes transportation, lodging, meals, and tickets to events/museums. Day trips and local excursions related to the courses and part of the program are also included.
- BUS/METRO – Students will receive passes for Rome's ATAC public transportation system, which includes unlimited bus and metro use within the city limits. The Program will not be held liable for lost or damaged ATAC passes, nor replacement charges.

FREE WEEKENDS: Two weekends are open for personal travel within Italy and beyond.

TRANSPORTATION: Students will travel as a group with Professors Sawicki and Garcia from Boston to Rome. They will meet the group at Boston's Logan Airport. Round-trip airfare (BOS–FCO) must be purchased by students once the group flight has been identified by our travel company, Holiday Travel. Once in Rome, ground transportation to and from Fiumicino Airport to our campus is provided. For the group return to Boston, either Professor Sawicki or Garcia will accompany students through security, to the departure gate and onto the return flight. The return trip is generally non-stop.

Students wishing to make their own travel arrangements may do so. However, if so, they must arrange their own transport from the FCO airport, and must arrive at the Rome Campus on the official start date of July 6, 2024. These students must alert the Rome Director and Instructors of their itinerary. All students are required to vacate the Villino by the last day of the program August 6, 2024.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- 1. HRS 119: INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH, HUMAN, AND REHABILITATION SERVICES** (Sawicki, 3 Credits) – This course is an introduction to the theory, practice, and systems of health, human, and rehabilitation services. The information covered in this course is geared toward students in all majors so that they may become more socially, politically, culturally, and humanly aware of the issues that people with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and challenging life circumstances experience. This course utilizes social justice frameworks to consider the barriers and inequities faced by individuals typically marginalized, disenfranchised, and limited from full participation in society. The history, legislation, and mission of health, human, and rehabilitation services will be examined along with the major models and theories of helping and providing services in community-based health and human service agencies. Current issues and trends in health, human, and rehabilitation service provision are covered with specific attention paid to disability and chronic illness. *No Prerequisite.*
- 2. PHI 151: ETHICS AND THE GOOD LIFE** (Garcia, 3 Credits) – Each person must confront the question: how should I live? In doing so, one may also wonder: do the ends justify the means? Are intentions all that count? Is God the source of right and wrong? How important are my desires? Many things seem good that later prove to be evil or merely incomplete goods for the human being. This course uses classic texts to investigate common opinions about the human good in light of our need to distinguish apparent goods from true goods. Ultimately, what is it to live well? This particular course will capitalize on the Roman experience, and thus include relevant thinkers. Texts will include Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Cicero's *On Duties*, Marcus Aurelius' *Meditations*, and some readings from the utilitarian and the Kantian traditions. *Prerequisite: PHI 100: Socrates and the Search for Truth.*

All books are provided for students for courses taught in Rome.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 15, 2024, submitted on-line.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION: A brief orientation will be held at the close of the Spring 2024 final examination period. Attendance is required and families are welcome.