



# January in Rome, 2016

Classics 155:

The Art, Archaeology &  
Topography of Ancient Rome

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## **Course Description**

A survey and tour of the major spaces, surviving monuments and artifacts of the city of Rome from the earliest occupation of the Palatine around 1000 BCE to the first major Christian buildings in the 4th century CE. Students learn architectural building techniques, systems of dating based on types of stone and brickwork, problems in identifying surviving buildings, the iconography of Roman political sculpture, and issues of Roman copying and reuse of original Greek art. We consider the incorporation of Roman monuments into subsequent architecture, including Fascist political (re)use of archaeology, as well as problems of conservation in the context of the modern city. Finally, visits to the excavated cities of Pompeii and Ostia make visible the lives and activities of those lost in the literary record, including women and slaves.

## **Cost of program per student: \$2600.00**

This includes airfare, accommodations, local transportation, admission to sites and museums, books, breakfasts and dinners. Students will need to pay for lunches, souvenirs, travel and admissions on free days. This price is subject to change if we do not have at least 18 students. Students intending to participate must submit an **application and \$1100 deposit by October 13.** Applications are available from outside the department office (311 Old Main) and on the department website. Accepted students will need to pay the balance of the program fee by **November 15.** If you are on financial aid from Macalester College, you will be able to apply for aid for this course. Grants in previous years have been \$500. Students meeting the same requirements can also usually apply for a student loan up to the cost of the trip. For confirmed information, contact the Financial Aid Office. ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM, ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, EVEN IF YOU WITHDRAW FROM THE COURSE.

### **Preparations**

We will have three pre-departure meetings in the Fall of 2015:

- \$ Thursday, October 15,**
- \$ Thursday, October 29 and**

**\$ Thursday, November 12.**

We meet in **Old Main 009 from 12-1pm** over lunch. These sessions will include an introduction to the course and assignments, an overview of Roman history and archaeology, an orientation to modern Italian culture and language, and a practical discussion of what to pack and what to expect. Attendance at these meetings is required -- they are considered part of the course. Students will have assigned readings and two presentations to prepare before departure for Rome.

**Tentative Itinerary**

- 5 (Tues): Departure from MSP
- 6 (Wed): Arrive in Rome, travel to HOTEL TRASTEVERE (Via Luciano Manara n. 24a/25)
- 7 (Thurs): Capitoline & Route of the Triumph, Palatine Hill
- 8 (Fri): Republican & Imperial Fora, Colosseum
- 9 (Sat): Palazzo Massimo Museum (long morning)
- 10 (Sun): Largo Argentina Project, Ara Pacis & Campus Martius
- 11 (Mon): Rest Day; afternoon bus to Pompeii
- 12 (Tues): visit to site of Pompeii; evening bus to Rome
- 13 (Wed): Rest Day

14 (Thurs): Vatican area in antiquity, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican necropolis (long morning)

15 (Fri): Ostia

16 (Sat): Vatican Museums

17 (Sun): San Clemente Project (afternoon only)

18 (Mon): Religions and Art of Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque Rome (morning only)

19 (Tues): Return to US