

ITALY IN WAR: CENTRETERM 2024



Ortygia, Syracuse, Sicily

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Application:



For centuries, Italy has played an integral role in major wars from Greek and Roman battles to city-state rivalries to twentieth-century world wars. Students will travel through the Italian landscape, visiting remarkable sites along the coasts as well as key interior cities, to discover how war played a dramatic role in Italian history and culture. Over three periods—the Greek and Roman era, Renaissance era, and Fascist era—people debated, sometimes violently, questions about power, status, citizenship, and statehood. The course will include visits to Sicily, Naples, Salerno, Rome, and Florence to explore how war shaped a people and a place. By overlaying three chronologies of war in each site, students will engage in a multi-dimensional study. Our classroom will be the piazzas, churches, cafes, train stations, museums, and streets of Italy, as well as ancient sites and modern battlefields and monuments to those who fought or died there. Key sites include southern Sicily and Salerno, site of Allied landings in World War II, as well as Pompeii, the Colosseum, and the Vatican. By tracing three these distinct, yet interwoven histories, students will understand how legacies of war intersect and shape each other.

- Staying in Sicily, Naples, and Rome!
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- Estimated Cost: \$4200
- January 2024
- Counts for Classics, History, *or* Art History credit
- Application due 2/16 and \$500 deposit due 3/29



Naples with Mt. Vesuvius in the background.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY



Rome

- capital of the Roman empire and modern Italy
- the Roman Forum and the monuments of the Roman emperors
- Mussolini and Fascism
- Vatican City: St. Peter's Cathedral, the Sistine Chapel, and the Vatican Museums
- the Renaissance
- Basilica di San Lorenzo
- Porta San Paolo
- modern unification of Italy
- Day trips to Florence, Gubbio, Perugia

Naples

- established as a Greek colony in 800 BCE
- learn about Romans through visits to Roman Pompeii and Herculaneum, buried in the 79 CE eruption of Mt. Vesuvius
- visit the Naples Archaeological Museum
- Anzio Beachhead
- Abbey of Montecassino
- Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Sicily

- Ancient Greek city of Syracuse
- Allied Landing Sites in World War II
- UNESCO World Heritage site: Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
- World War II Landing Museum of Catania
- Cathedral of Syracuse