Study Abroad Program

ITALY

Rome
Full SPRING 2021

Trieste
Summer II 2020

Faculty Led by Dr. Luca Quadrifoglio

Co-led with Dr. Ivan Damnjanovic
Trieste, Italy: **Summer II** Jun 30th – Aug 8th

2hrs to Venice (train)
1hr to Rome (plane)

Study Abroad

Trieste 2020

with Luca & Ivan
Open to CVEN and other ENGR Depts.

Two Classes: **ENGR333/CVEN349(*) + CVEN322(*)**

Both classes count for the **ENGR Proj. Mgmt. Minor**

CVEN322 is also a sub for ISEN302

(*)CVEN302 pre-req waived for non-CVEN students only

3/4 full class days/week (w/breakfast!)

4 Tech/Fun Trips (Florence/Venice, Croatia, Slovenia, Vajont Dam/Alps/Cortina) + own travel

Cheap meals + (a dozen of paid) **Group meals**

Application

https://engineering.tamu.edu/academics/global/opportunities-abroad/locations/italy/cven-322-349.html
Where?
Classes and Dorms @U. of Trieste
www.units.it

5-10 min from the center
15 min from the Beach area
### Tentative 2020 schedule at a glance

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→ → → Full week for own travel!! Dorms are PAID till 8/16 ← ← ←
COST

Much cheaper than most other Programs
All unused budget will be refunded to you

Program fee (subject to change)
housing; logistics; study abroad fee; insurance;
breakfasts (~20)/group meals (~12); faculty expenses

$3,900

Overall $2K extra compared to staying in BCS without accounting for scholarships

Scholarships

REGULAR TAMU SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
and many more @ http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Scholarships
Trieste!
Florence/Tuscany!
Venice!
CROATIA...
ALPS!!
FREE WEEKEND...?
ROME, ITALY - Spring 2021

Jan 13 – May 8, 2021 (15 wks)

Faculty-led by Dr. Quadrifoglio (quadrifo@tamu.edu)
- For CVEN + all ENGR Dept.
- 6 TAMU Classes offered abroad (+ online)
- 4 weekend Group Tech/Fun trips + daytrips
- 4/5 FREE weekends with Fridays off
- Two 10-day Breaks
- Optional **INTERNSHIPS**
- 10hr Survival Italian Course
- **Group Meal** roughly every week
- Italian **Serie A Soccer**

**Interest list:**
[https://forms.gle/uNSZarrHG7h4XgX19](https://forms.gle/uNSZarrHG7h4XgX19)
Where?

Eng. Dept.

@RomaTre

University

www.uniroma3.it

15 min from students’ Apartments

20-30 min from the center of Rome and our provider ACCENT
Classes offered abroad:

Fitting CVEN, and also **suitable for other ENGR Depts.**(*)

>TAMU classes taught by Dr. Quadrifoglio (2) and local faculty (3)]

Choose 2 (or more) classes from:

- **CVEN301** – Environmental Eng
- **CVEN306** – Materials for Civil Eng
- **CVEN307** – Transportation Eng
- **CVEN311** – Fluid Dynamics
- **CVEN322** – Civil Eng Systems
- **CVEN349** – Eng Proj Mgmt
- **GEOL320** – Geology for Eng

+ on-line (**MEEN315, ENGL210, URPN202, ARTS150, ARCH350, FINC409, MGMT309** and more, when offered)

(*)CVEN302 pre-req waived for non-CVEN students for CVEN301/CVEN306/CVEN307/CVEN322/CVEN349
Eligibility

If you currently are:

• A CVEN sophomore: you are the perfect candidate for the 2021 Program.

• A CVEN Junior: you can still join, as long as you register for at least two on-site classes in Rome and then fill up your semester with TAMU online classes (if needed)

• An IDIS student: you can join, two classes taken in Rome (usually, but not necessarily, CVEN322 and CVEN349) can be your tech electives and then take TAMU online classes, like MGMT309 and FINC409 (for example). 12 IDIS students have joined past Programs.

• A non-CVEN / non-IDIS student: you can join more or less easily (ISEN, MEEN, PETE, CSCE students joined), depending on your Dept.’s rules. Find at least two classes offered in Rome good for your degree plan either as elective and/or as a substitute (for example: CVEN322 is an approved substitute for ISEN302; CVEN311 is an approved elective for ISEN) and choose TAMU online classes on top.

• A Freshmen: you may still join as a next year Sophomore, even though it would possibly be better for you to join in 2022 (as a Junior)
Typical Week

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Fridays are off!

Calendar 2020

**Orientations**

**Florence**

**Spring Break**

**Easter Break**

**Finals**

**SERIE A**

**Lazio-Roma**

**Orvieto/Assisi**

**Pompeii/Sorrento/Capri**

**Abruzzo**

**Daily Tech visits**
**Internships**

DURING the PROGRAM

- Supplement for placement only if hired
- Competitive: up to 10 unpaid internships offered
- 6-8 hrs/wk, so you can still take 4+ classes
- Placements include Public Institutions, Engineering Firms, Architecture firms, Renewable Energy firms, Italian University Eng. Dept. labs/research
- Internship support from ACCENT
- Internship will shine on your CV as ‘International’
Shared Student Apts

OR

Family Homestay

- Experience independent Roman life alongside Italian neighbors
- 4-7 students per apartment in double/triple rooms
- Fully-furnished, WIFI, shared common space, kitchen, washing machine
- Within walking distance from everything you need!

- Includes breakfast daily & dinner M-Th
- Unique opportunity for independent students to immerse themselves in Italian language and culture
- Vetted families with ACCENT’s network
- Private bedroom, shared bathroom, WIFI
- Typical Roman residential neighborhoods
# COST

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## Estimated Program Fee (subject to change) |
| $7,900 |

- Housing in shared apartments, field trips, group meals, survival Italian course, classroom facilities, IT resources, 24/7 Emergency support, transit pass: $6,400
- SAPO fee: $400
- CISI: $150
- Other Miscellaneous shared costs: $500
- Portion of faculty expenses: $450

Overall $4K extra compared to staying in BCS without accounting for scholarships

**Cheap Airfare:** $800 roundtrip

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Environment/ Culture

- Italy is a very modern and fully developed country. Culturally different, but still part of the ‘western world’, so not a ‘dramatic’ culture shock.

- Rome (almost 3M people) is big and built over centuries of history, so most modern infrastructures need to adapt over an abundance of ancient sites.

- You cannot expect nor pretend American efficiency… So, be prepare for a bit of disorganization… just try not to get frustrated by it and enjoy the City’s overall magic atmosphere and culture!

- Space is limited, so things are in general “smaller”
Free weekends...?

All major cities reachable with cheap short direct flights
Pompeii
Amalfi Coast!
TUSCANY / ABRUZZO!
Free Weekend!!
Study Abroad impact
It is a lot of FUN, but not just that!
It’s an investment for your FUTURE

“Now you might be tight on $ but you have the time/opportunity to do it. Later on in life you’ll have enough $$, but likely no time until retirement…”

Research studies overwhelmingly show that Study Abroad
➢ builds Personal Growth and Self-Confidence
➢ improves GPAs, dramatically increases Employability and Career Skills

The main REGRET of College graduates is not having participated in a Study Abroad

“I am participating in the college of engineering’s first semester long study abroad and it all still feels so surreal! The program was intended for Civil Engineering, but I made it fit for me, an Industrial Distribution major and I am so glad I did! I didn’t imagine I’d be able to experience Italy and Europe in my early 20s, but thanks to TAMU and my family I am! 👍”

-Diana Vazquez, 2019 Participant
Urban Legends

I can’t go because....

- “I don’t know Italian...” [useful but NOT needed]
- “It’s dangerous/unsafe...” [Simply UNTRUE!]
- “I don’t know anybody that is going...” [Make NEW friends there!]
- “I need to know a Professor to go...” [HERE I AM!!]

Be Positive!!
GRAZIE!!

?QUESTIONS?

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Past Italy Summer Programs videos!:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ah-ojVF2gg4
by Samantha Wilson (TAMU student, Trieste)
https://youtu.be/-xcb0VVqIQU
by Emily Woodrow (TAMU student, Trieste)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRIIuOtP7bU
by Johnathan Pressler (TAMU student, Trieste)
https://youtu.be/j-8acMRLTas
by Matt James (TAMU student, Rome)
https://youtu.be/g5SRtBhwE-4
by Matt James (TAMU student, Rome)

ACCENT ROME Promo Video:
https://youtu.be/jNd4j9Ko8KQ