

SHAKESPEARE? IN ITALY?

WHY? *Shakespeare had Italy on the brain.* You can study Shakespeare in countless programs in England. But we study Shakespeare in the place that inspired him, and which he may have visited. More than a third of the Bard's masterful plays are set in Italy. He's constantly using Ancient Rome, Renaissance Italy, his contemporary Venice, Padua, and more to consider questions of love, honor, freedom, self-government, and more. We've structured this class to ask: why is he so fascinated with this place? What did Shakespeare create out of this fascination?



What You'll See

FRIENDS, COUNTRYMEN: ROME! We'll take you to the places that informed and inspired the plays: ancient Roman sites such as the Forum where Marc Antony speaks so persuasively over Caesar's corpse and the very place where Caesar actually died; the Colosseum; Renaissance sites that spurred the art and literature of the age, including the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica; Venetian sites featured in Shakespeare's plays, like the Rialto Bridge, the Doge's Palace, and the first Ghetto in Europe; and Baroque sites of marvel and wonder like the Borghese Museum. We travel to Rome almost every day, and take a short trip to Venice, Padua, and Bologna.

"The traveling was the best part of the program!"
— recent participant

"I loved Shakespeare in Italy! It was the best two weeks of my life...The Due Santi campus substantiated the bucolic vision of Italy that I think we all dreamed about."
— recent participant

What You'll Study

We take our learning seriously, working through three plays carefully so you can experience the wonder of our greatest playwright's vision. We take on *Julius Caesar*, that meditation on Ancient Rome, Republic, Empire, and honor; we study carefully *Othello*, a play about a Venetian general, betrayal, love, and evil; we read intimately that tale of business, love, law and pity made into the recent film, *The Merchant of Venice*.

"Studying Shakespeare with Dr. Roper was amazing. His knowledge was extensive, and his teaching style was very professional yet classical." — recent participant



YES! SHAKESPEARE IN ITALY!

Benefits to Your High School and College Career

Few writers can help you as much as Shakespeare to develop the skills you'll need for the SAT and ACT. Students in past years report that their reading comprehension and, importantly, their writing have improved immensely in the short span of the program. This is because our dedicated staff devotes a great amount of time to small-group and one-on-one instruction in both reading and writing. You will read carefully, discuss constantly, and write often, under the tutelage of marvelous professors and instructors. An on-line component before the class begins will prepare you for the program, ensuring you will have the knowledge and skills to be successful.

"I was able to get a feel of what college will be like. The intensive coursework, as well as staying on campus, really set the stage for my next four years."
— recent participant

Experience in Italy

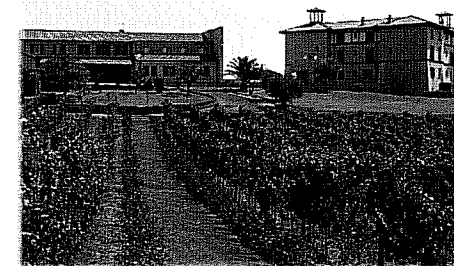
Our superb professors, instructors and staff are building on thirty years of University of Dallas experience in Italy. UD has been leading its sophomores to Rome since the 1970s and so we have a wealth of experience in leading students to live and study there. Our superb scholars are teachers, guides, and in some cases residents of Italy. We know how to get around, what to avoid, and how to make your experience rich, fruitful — and fun! The Director of Shakespeare in Italy for the fourth year is Dr. Gregory Roper, Associate Professor of English, with wide interests from Medieval Literature to modern poetry, as well as Shakespeare; he has published a book, *The Writer's Workshop*, on teaching writing to students. He has lived and taught on the Due Santi campus from 2003 to

2005 and again from 2007 to 2009. He is assisted by a superb staff of other PhDs, graduate students, and youthful veterans of UD's Rome campus who understand the needs of students on foreign programs.

"I knew the travel would be fun, but the class was fantastic also, I really enjoyed the teachers!"
— recent participant

Fun and Beauty on Campus

No hot, noisy city setting here. The University's ten-acre Due Santi campus rests in the beautiful foothills just off the Via Appia southeast of Rome, where ancient Rome got its start and where Romans and Popes take their summer rest. Take a walk in the kiwi grove, get involved in a soccer game, take a dip in the pool, pray in the chapel, lift in the exercise room, or just sit in the pergola above the working vineyard. You'll find it *come paradiso*—like paradise—on the grounds of this beautiful former villa.



"The instruction was excellent, the travel arrangements flawless, and the opportunity to meet students from across the country priceless."
— parent of recent participant

"Well-organized, fun program with fantastic teaching — best of all worlds!" — recent participant

"It was very nice to be with a group of kids who had similar interests and ideas." — recent participant

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A Study Abroad Program for High School Students
2 Weeks • 3 College Credits • On-Line Component

University of Dallas Eugene Constantin Campus at Due Santi — Rome, Italy

For more information about costs, dates, travel arrangements, and application requirements visit:

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