

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

2012 International Studies Program Italy May 24 – June 24, 2012

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **2012 International Studies Program** to Italy to be conducted **May 24 – June 24, 2012**, will provide approximately 30 students (20 undergraduate and 10 graduate) a unique opportunity to study the evolution of international business and trade and the history of freedom and the Roman and Greek influence on the development of our constitution. The program will focus on these issues, as well as others, while traveling through the host countries. The program will primarily be hosted by the University of Verona (UV), Italy. ASU has had an exchange program with UV since 2009 and this program will continue to strengthen the relationship between the two institutions.

Mission Related

The study abroad program will be consistent with the ASU mission statement, which states that "Angelo State University, a member of the Texas Tech University system, delivers undergraduate and graduate programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and profession disciplines. In a learning centered environment distinguished by its integration of teach, research, creative endeavor, service, and co-curricula experiences, ASU prepares students to be responsible citizens and to have productive careers." Furthermore, the program meets the ASU Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, Master Goal #4 by providing an international opportunity that "develops and expands both undergraduate and graduate curricula and co-curricula to support students' intellectual and personal growth, to address issues relevant to society, and to meet the demands of State of Texas initiatives and the marketplace."

FACULTY LEADERSHIP

The program will be co-directed by Dr. Edward Olson, Head of the Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science, and Dr. Sharynn Tomlin, Professor of International Business, Department of Management & Marketing and Director of the Center for International Studies. Both co-directors have been actively involved in international education programs. The International Education Program in Germany, 1993, was directed by Dr. Olson, with Dr. Tomlin acting as instructor and assistant director. Additionally, Dr. Tomlin and Dr. Olson co-directed a program to Sheffield, England in 1996 and in the past 10 programs to Edinburgh, Scotland. Both serve as members of the International Education Committee.

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Initially the program will be reviewed by the Department Head and Dean of the directors' respective colleges. Afterwards proposals are forwarded to the Center for International Studies and scheduled for review by the Angelo State University International Education Committee. The program also will be reviewed by the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and by the University President. The program proposal will be submitted for approval to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System.

PRE-TRAVEL ORIENTATION

A carefully planned series of on-campus lectures at Angelo State University during the 2012 spring semester will introduce participating students to the major themes of the program and provide an intensive orientation for living and studying in Italy. During the preparatory classes, students will be given extensive reading assignments and briefed on travel plans and excursions.

TARGETED STUDENTS, SELECTION, AND ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to about 20 undergraduate and 10 graduate currently enrolled ASU students in good standing who are in academic programs for which the classes offered are appropriate. Student participants normally will be full-time undergraduate and graduate students.

The selection of students to participate in the program will be the responsibility of the faculty directors and will be based on a number of criteria, including: the student's classification, academic program, GPA, and ability to relate cooperatively with all group members. Students must satisfy the faculty directors that they are committed to the educational objectives of the program in order to be selected.

Participants in the program are subject to and are required to abide by all policies and provisions in the 2011-2013 University Catalog, including the Student Life Regulations and Policies. Participants are also responsible for obeying the local and national laws of the country in which they are studying, as well as for conducting themselves in a manner consistent with local customs.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DATES

Application

Application forms will be available on the CIS website at the beginning of the 2011 fall semester. The following forms must be downloaded and completed: Application, Health and Medical Information, Release of all Claims, Medical Authorization, and Student Life Regulations. All forms must be completed and returned to the CIS.

Application Deadline

The application deadline is November 10, 2011. Students who apply early will be given first preference toward acceptance.

Personal Interviews

The selection process involves a personal interview of the candidate. Generally, this interview will be conducted by the faculty director.

Initial Deposit

Students selected to participate in the program will be required to make an initial deposit of \$500.00 to the CIS upon notification of selection at the latest by December 1st, 2011. A second deposit to pay the remainder of the airline ticket will be due by February 1st, 2012. Once a student pays the initial deposit s/he also has committed to the program. Should the student have to withdraw from the program s/he will have to reimburse the university for expenditures made on the student's behalf.

Health Clearance

All students must obtain a health clearance from the ASU Clinic or from their physician. Students must complete the Confidential Health History form and receive a signed health clearance form by March 1, 2012. The Health Clearance Form should be given to the CIS.

International Studies Scholarship

All students participating in study abroad programs are eligible to apply for the International Studies Scholarships. The scholarships will pay various course-related expenses. Students are responsible for standard tuition and fees and personal spending money. See the CIS website for eligibility criteria.

RATIONALE FOR TRAVEL

The International Studies Program in Italy is offered as an integral part of Angelo State University's academic program. The program offers students an opportunity to engage in study in countries whose Roman and Greek heritage contributed heavily to the political and economic development of the United States and the Western world. Many of our legal, political, and economic institutions are reflections of those of Greece and Rome. Students will also observe how political and economic institutions of modern Italy operate and their contributions to European economic and political union. Both undergraduate courses will be related in a way that the students will logically understand the relationship of the two topics of business and government.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Students will be extensively briefed prior to departure regarding travel arrangements and schedules with addresses and telephone numbers given each participant. All travel arrangements will be made by the program directors and approved by the University. All program participants must have adequate health and accident insurance coverage in case of medical care or emergencies. Students will be required to obtain International Student Identification Cards that will provide medical, death and discount benefits. Participants must provide the directors with a copy of the policy number and company name of their insurance policies.

DESCRIPTION AND COURSE OBJECTIVES

Two organized undergraduate courses and two organized graduate courses will comprise the program, and the requirements of each course will be similar to on-campus courses. Textbooks and other source materials will be used, and presentations of material and research papers will be required.

Each student will be required to register for two courses taught by the ASU faculty members. Students will also attend afternoon lectures provided by the host university's faculty. This approach will allow students to interact with local students and faculty. Excursions to locations of major importance in relation to the classes will also be offered.

Each of the courses will provide a minimum of fifty faculty student contact hours. In addition to the classroom hours which will be taught on campus at Angelo State University and at the host university, organized field activities such as special lectures, briefings, and seminars under the supervision of the faculty director will be scheduled during excursions.

1. Class sessions on the ASU campus prior to departure 10 hours

2. Class sessions and seminars on the host campus	30 hours
3. Special lectures, briefings and excursions	10 hours
<u>Minimum total faculty-student contact hours</u>	50 hours

The following courses will be offered and a syllabus for each course detailing **course requirements, assignments, exams, grading criteria and knowledge acquired by students** will be provided:

ISTD 3381
Evolution of World Trade
Instructor: Dr. Sharynn Tomlin

Trade has always been a defining factor in world history. The class will examine the Age of Exploration and examines how the hunt for new resources and markets during that period resulted in the establishment of colonies in Africa, the Americas and Asia. Other discussion will include the Industrial Revolution, the rise of capitalism and the effects of imperialism on the global economy, significant countries, cities, and ports and how commerce altered regional economies and cultures.

ISTD 6381
The Globalization of Management
Instructor: Dr. Sharynn Tomlin

An advanced study of global strategies and management practices as compared with those in other countries. This course will focus on the evolution of global strategies and management from the perspectives of people and culture.

ISTD 3381
The History of Freedom
Instructor: Dr. Edward Olson

The purpose of this course is to explore the history of freedom. Even though it not a universal value, no idea in world history has been more influential, and a central premise of the course is that ideas do change history. It is a concept embedded in the very fabric of the American Political Culture. At the same time however, the meaning of freedom is often misunderstood, misapplied and oversimplified.

ISTD 6381, Special Topics
Roman and Greek Constitutionalism
Instructor: Dr. Edward Olson

A survey of basic constitutional concepts and provisions in the ancient Roman and Greek world and how they influenced the founders of the U.S. constitution.

STUDENT COSTS

Students selected for the program will be eligible for the International Studies Scholarship. Local transportation, additional excursions, tuition and fees, and extra meal expenses will be the responsibility of the student.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for adhering to the following additional requirements if accepted into the program.

Release of Liability

All students are required to sign a standard waiver releasing Angelo State University and all related parties from any and all liabilities arising from the program.

Insurance

Health Insurance covering international travel is required for students studying abroad and costs approximately \$1 per day. Students must pay their fee by a day specified by the CIS.

Passports

Students are responsible for getting their own passports. Students can get the applications for passports and the necessary photos at the CIS. The CIS will process their application. A passport costs \$135.00 (\$110.00 + \$25.00). Pictures are an additional cost. Students should apply for their passports early.

Student Identification Card

Students must purchase an identification card from Council Travel. This card provides limited health insurance and discounts on many services throughout Europe. It is also a widely recognized form of identification. The faculty director will have application forms available. Students may apply for the card directly by going to <http://www.statravel.com>, or he/she may call 1-800-781-4040.

Special Provisions

The international studies program is offered as an integral part of Angelo State University's academic program, and participants in the program are subject to and are required to abide by all policies and provisions in the *University Bulletin*, including Student Life Regulations and Policies. Participants are also responsible for obeying the local and national laws of the country in which they are traveling, as well as for conducting themselves in a manner consistent with local.

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The program schedule for the 2012 International Studies Program – Italy will be available as soon as details are formalized. The schedule is subject to revision as additional details of the travel schedules, excursions, and special arrangements for meetings with business and government leaders.