

LTWL 175 GS: The City of Rome
Revelle in Rome--Summer 2017
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This course examines the city of Rome from a cultural, literary and historical perspective. We will be learning about Rome through reading, walking, and experiencing the streets, churches, and monuments of the city. Themes to be addressed include: antiquity, pilgrimage, urbanization, Baroque design, politics, and foreign visitors.

Readings posted on TED

Kessler, "Jubilee and Pilgrimage"

Petrarch, selections from the *Rime sparse* ## 1, 16, 52, 53, ~~128~~, 134

Guicciardini, Sack of Rome

Ignatius of Loyola, selections from the Spiritual Exercises

Mary Shelley, *Rambles*, vol. 2, pp. 212-249 (enter p. 231 on the pdf)

Margaret Fuller, selections from *The Dispatches from Rome*

Edith Wharton, "Roman Fever"

<http://classicit.about.com/library/bl-etexts/ewharton/bl-ewhar-roman.htm>

Henry James, *Daisy Miller*, Part II (pp. 41-83)

Margaret Yourcenar, from *Memoirs of Hadrian*

<http://www.romeartlover.it/Tivoli6.html>

Assignments:

1. Midterms (40%) – Two short midterm papers (2-3 typed, double-spaced pages; 500-600 words). Each of you will present research on some aspect of our site visits. These short papers will be write-ups of your research and form part of a collaborative encyclopedic project that examines particular artistic and architectural sites and problems in urban history and politics. More details and counsel will be provided.

3. Journal project (60%) - This project gives you an opportunity to record your reflections on your learning process in Rome. Reflect on how movement (walking), sensory/aesthetic experience, experiences of Italian language, customs, history etc. may have changed your relation to reading, writing, studying. Include references to the readings.

Meetings

We meet T/Th for 90 minutes before site visits. Site visits Tuesdays and Thursdays (6 hours per week).

Sunday, July 2 – Getting oriented in Rome (walking tour)

Week 1 – Rome: City and World: Introduction

Tu July 4 Rome as Palimpsest and Destination for Pilgrims

Site visits: S. Giovanni in Laterano, S. Clemente, Sta. Maria Maggiore, Sta. Prassede

Th July 6 **Site visits: Coliseum, Roman forum, Palatine**

Week 2 – Politics and Literature

Tu July 11

Site visit - Teatro Marcello, Sta. Maria in Aracoeli, the Campidoglio and Capitoline museum

Th July 13-16 Trip to Florence and Sant'Andrea in Percussina

Week 3 – Michelangelo

Tu July 18 **Site visit - S. Pietro in Vincoli, Sta. Maria degli Angeli, (Sta. Maria della Vittoria), Porta Pia**

Th July 20 **Site visit – the Vatican museums, Castel Sant'Angelo and St. Peters**

Week 4 – Architectural (and environmental) planning – city and country

Tu July 25 **Site visit - Tivoli - Villa D'Este, Villa Gregoriana, and Museo del Libro**

Th July 27 **Site visits – La Farnesina, Sant'Andrea della Valle, (S. Luigi dei Francesi), Piazza Navona, Pantheon**

2nd midterm paper due

Week 5 Art and Science

Tu August 1 **Site visit – Galleria Borghese**

Th August 3 **Site visit - Sta. Maria in Cosmedin, Clivo di Rocca Savella, Sta. Sabina, Piazza dei Cavalieri di Malta, Parco degli Aranci**

F August 4 **Journal due**