

TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Course Outline

Course Prefix/Number/Title: ARC 299 Architecture of Italy

Credit Hours: 3

Pre-requisite: None **Co-requisite:** None

Course Description: This study abroad course focuses on Italian architecture and urban design from antiquity through the twentieth century. Describes Italy as the major origin of Western civilization, art and architecture. Students experience the artistic, cultural, and historic legacies Rome, Florence and Venice.

Course Objectives: An emphasis will be placed on understanding the architectural significance of individual monuments in terms of the styles and methods employed in their creation; the cultural, religious, and political philosophies that influenced these monuments. No previous knowledge of art history or architecture is required.

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Describe the cultural characteristics of major historical architectural styles
- Identify the major architectural forms, styles and techniques
- Describe specific stylistic characteristics and specific forms associated with various periods in architectural history.
- Distinguish the major Italian architects, artists and their work
- Explain the issues that contribute to the development of architecture and the principles of architectural and urban design

Course Content:

Day 1 – Overnight flight to Italy
Day 2 – Rome.
Day 3 – Rome (Vatican City, Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Michelangelo's Pietà, tour of Imperial Rome, ruins of the ancient Forum Romanum, Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, Trajan's Column)
Day 4 – Rome (Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Church of Sant' Agnese, Trevi Fountain, Monument to Vittorio Emmanuele, Campidoglio, Spanish Steps)
Day 5 – Assisi (Basilica of St. Francis and town sightseeing)
Day 6 – Florence (Piazza della Signoria, Michelangelo's David, Uffizi Palace, Ponte Vecchio, Pitti Palace, Chiesa di Santa Croce, Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, Accademia Museum)
Day 7 – Florence (Basilicas Santo Spirito and San Lorenzo, Medici Chapel, Ospedale Innocenti, Piazza della Repubblica, Palazzos Medici-Riccardi, Rucellai and Strozzi)
Day 8 – Venice (guided sightseeing in Venice, including St. Mark's Square, Grand Canal, Campanile, Doges' Palace, Bridge of Sighs, Rialto bridge, Ca D'Oro, Churches San Giorgia Maggiore and Santa Maria della Salute)
Day 9 – Return home

Textbook: No textbook is required