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Trinity Western University Travel Studies



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Enjoy La Dolce Vita while studying in the beautiful, historic cities of Rome, Florence, Venice, and Siena.

THE ITALIANS CALL IT “LA DOLCE VITA”—the sweet life—and that’s what we’ll experience in some of Italy’s most beautiful cities. We’ll stroll the streets where some of civilization’s most important ideas and changes in art, culture, history and political theory took shape.

ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

- » Enjoy a guided walking tour of Rome and the Vatican.
- » Experience the wonder of Florence’s Uffizi Gallery and Duomo di Firenze.
- » See the majestic Doge’s Palace in Venice and Siena’s Palazzo Pubblico.

COURSES

HIST 111 TR · History of Western Civilization

An introduction to the main events, individuals, and ideas in the history of Western society, from its beginnings to roughly 1600. Key topics include: the emergence of the first civilizations in the ancient Near East; the development of citizenship and philosophy in ancient Greece; the rise and decline of the Roman Empire; the growth and transformation of Christianity; medieval politics, culture, and society; changes in gender roles and the family; and the birth of the modern era in the Renaissance and Reformation. *Prerequisite(s): None.*

HIST 302 TR · Greek & Rome: Leadership in the Ancient World

A study of the most influential leadership in ancient Greece and Rome. Plutarch’s biographical studies are the main focus. Various accounts of Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristotle, Xenophon, Livy, Sallust, Tacitus, and Suetonius are used as supplementary material. *Prerequisite(s): 6 sem. hrs. of History, including HIST 111*

HIST 390 TR · Italian Renaissance in Word and Image

An examination of the social, intellectual, artistic, political, and economic transformations that were part of the rebirth of classical culture that began in Italy in the mid-14th century. *Prerequisite(s): 6 sem. hrs. of History, including HIST 111*

POLS 101 TR · Introduction to Political Thinking

An introduction to the basic concepts, institutions, and ruling ideas in political thought and action. Through the study of classic political texts, competing concepts like equality and freedom, justice and power, are introduced within the context of conflicting ideologies like liberalism, socialism, and conservatism. The meaning of citizenship in postmodern contemporary liberal democracies are examined and contrasted with competing visions of the good society. *Prerequisite(s): None.*

POLS 250 TR · Classical Political Philosophy

Examines the impact of Christianity on Western thought with respect to politics and political philosophy. It explores the unique encounter between Jerusalem and Athens that has been described as the “secret vitality of the West.” Special attention is paid to the disagreement or conflict between a theological and philosophical approach to the study of political life. *Prerequisite(s): None.*

IDIS 400 TR · Developing a Christian World View

This is an interdisciplinary studies course that addresses a topic of significance and contemporary concern. *Prerequisite(s): Third- or fourth-year standing and completion of at least 70 sem. hrs. of study by end of preceding semester.*

INSTRUCTORS



Darren Provost, Ph.D.

DARREN PROVOST EARNED a Ph.D. in Renaissance Studies from Yale University, and has taught in TWU’s History Department for the last 10 years. After the study of history, his other great love (besides his clever, beautiful wife) is traveling. While working on his doctorate, Provost lived in Europe for nearly two years and enjoyed giving friends and family informal tours of Italy, France, and Germany when they came to visit. He has since found it to be a great pleasure to be able to do this with students.



Calvin Townsend, MCS, ThM

CALVIN TOWNSEND IS AN INSTRUCTOR of political, religious, and interdisciplinary studies at Trinity Western University. In 2013, he was the recipient of the Davis Distinguished Teaching Award. Since 2000, he has taught courses ranging from “Introduction to Political Thinking” to “Classical Political Philosophy” to “Influential Thinkers of the Christian World.” His areas of academic interest include: classical studies, political theory (ancient and modern), theology, and philosophy. Townsend and his wife, Tricia, have been married for 26 years. They have three children, all of whom are undergraduate students at TWU.

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