

HIST 681 Travel Course – Pilgrimage to Rome (Summer 2024)

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Course Taught IN PERSON, in Rome, Italy

Dates: (Departure date, May 18, 2024) **Course dates: May 19 – 29, 2024**

Course Description:

This course is part Christian pilgrimage, part history course, and part cultural immersion experience. Historically speaking, Rome is central for the western Church, and Protestants and Catholics alike can claim the holy places in Rome, as well as the early and medieval expressions of Christianity there, as their legacy, and as their roots. Participants in the pilgrimage/course will visit important sites in the history of Christianity, go deeper into the practical aspects of the practice of the faith than was possible in the intro course, and will pray in the holy places of ancient Christianity. Students will also have an opportunity to worship with the Methodist or Baptist congregations in Rome, and will be introduced to the Rome Ecumenical Center, housed in Ponte Sant' Angelo Methodist church. There may also be opportunities to meet with participants in ongoing ecumenical dialogue.

This course is an elective; registration is by permission from the professor.

The prerequisite is HIST 501 – History of Christian Thought and Practice I

Course Requirements:

Students participating in this course will read the required texts before departure. It is expected that all students participating in this travel course will attend all programs, meetings, outings and events. After returning to the US, students will write a reflection paper, the length and parameters will be negotiated with the professor depending on the specific experiences of this year's tour.

Required Reading

Rome: A Pilgrim's Guide to the Eternal City, by James L. Papandrea

ISBN: 978-1610972680 (\$28.00 Amazon)

A Week in the Life of Rome, by James L. Papandrea
ISBN: 978-0830824823 (\$13.99 Amazon)

The Bones of St. Peter, by John E. Walsh
ISBN: 978-1933184753 (\$25.38 Amazon)

Optional Reading – On Reserve in the Styberg Library

Sacred Places: Rediscovering the Churches of Rome, by Gregory J. Pulles.