



Architectural Technology Faculty-led Classroom Abroad

Rome, Pompeii, Foligno Italy
February 2025

Application deadline: Sept. 30, 2024

Project description:

Students embarking on this FLCA will study architecture through the lens of the cultural intersection of East and West. Rome can be seen by many as the beginning of Western Architecture. It influenced and has been influenced by cultures throughout Africa and Asia. It grew to great heights in the Classical period and fell into darkness during the Middle Ages, then was reborn in the Italian Renaissance. Marked by the architecture of the Renaissance, it signaled the beginning of the modern age which would eventually lead into the modernism of our century.

This Faculty-led Classroom Abroad to Rome during the Winter 2025 Reading Week sees a small group of students selected from second and third years of the Architecture Technology program travel to Italy to study art and architecture in cities of Rome, Pompeii, and Foligno, where they will engage with the Bibliotheca Orientalis. They will study the roots of architecture through the lens of the cultural intersection of East and West by examining works of antiquity and renaissance in the contemporary cities. They will focus on the importance of preserving historical buildings as cultural property and materials and techniques used to build and maintain buildings.

Program/learning/cultural highlights:

- Visits to historical sites such as the Colosseum, the Forum, Piazza Del Campidoglio, Duomo in Florence, Michelangelo's David, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Vatican City, Sistine Chapel and City of Pompeii
- Reviewing the state of the city and how classical buildings are re-purposed and exist within the contemporary city, as well as how these projects are maintained and continue to thrive.
- Group discussion and reflection workshops where students will meet with instructors to discuss the significance of the work researched. They will exchange drawings and notes of the sites of the day.

Timeline:

- Application deadline: Sept. 30 by 11:59 p.m. (see application information below)
- Applicant interviews: Oct. 7 – 11; participants will be chosen and notified by Oct. 18
- Team meeting: TBD but shortly after student selection
- Initial deposit: \$500 non-refundable deposit upon acceptance; final deposit due in December 2024.
- Departure date: February 22 (subject to flight availability)
- Return date: March 2 (subject to flight availability)

Location:

Rome, Pompeii and Foligno Italy

Partner:

Bibliotheca Orientalis, Foligno, Italy

Language:

English

Accommodation and meals:

Accommodations will be double occupancy at local hotels. Costs include accommodations. Students can expect to spend between \$350-\$400 on meals.

Student Support:

DC students will be supported by DC faculty and International Education Office staff. Two faculty members from the Architectural Technology program will accompany the successful candidates to Italy.

Visa and Passports:

Canadian students are not required to apply for a tourist visa for Italy. Passports must be valid for six months after the return date. You must provide a copy of your passport by Nov. 6, 2024. Students that do not hold Canadian Passports may be required to secure a visa at their own expense. Information is available [here](#). Be aware that flights may connect through countries other than Canada and Italy.

Risks:

It is the student's responsibility to consider the potential risks of any travel. For more information on travel risks in Italy, visit the Canadian government's travel advisory page [here](#).

Academics:

Students will be required to submit course work related to this FLCA experience. Faculty will advise of those assignments prior to travel.

Things to know:

- Students must attend pre-departure training.
- Students must follow the DC Student Code of Conduct throughout the duration of the program.
- Students are responsible for all associated pre-departure medical requirements, including vaccinations.

Program costs:

Program cost will be discussed at the information session. An estimate of costs is as follows, but these are not final and subject to change:

- 8 nights in Italy - \$3,100 CDN (approx.) per student
 - This costs includes includes all components of the travel, accommodations, seminars, workshops, cultural excursions and transportation.
 - Meals, shopping, souvenirs, etc. are additional costs (about \$500-\$600)
- A non-refundable deposit of \$500 will be required upon acceptance.

Education Abroad Bursary:

Students selected for an education abroad opportunity may be eligible for a travel bursary of up to \$1,500 CAD. The request for financial support is found here: <https://durhamcollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/5.-Education-Abroad-Financial-Support-Application-Form.pdf>

Application Information**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Open to all second and third-year Architectural Technology students
- Must have good academic standing and record of attendance.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (GPA will be confirmed prior to travel)

How to apply:

Please apply via the Faculty-led Classroom Abroad site – <https://durhamcollege.ca/info-for/international/education-abroad/opportunities/faculty-led-classrooms-abroad/flca-projects>

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