The Cal Poly Pomona Landscape Architecture Italy Program will conduct its 25th session during the Fall, 2017 academic quarter. Participants in the Landscape Architecture Italy program will again reside and study at the Santa Chiara Study Center in Castiglion Fiorentino, about forty miles southeast of Florence, in the Tuscany region. The session is an excellent opportunity to visit one of the oldest and culturally accomplished cultures. The art, architecture, and landscapes of Italy are a remarkable blend of Greek, Roman, Medieval, Renaissance, and contemporary expressions. In addition, the Italians continue to engage time-honored landscape practices that exemplify sustainable methods and applications.

The design and planning activity of the Italy program will focus on the region surrounding Castiglion Fiorentino. We will spend part of the quarter learning about the environmental and social systems of the urban, suburban and rural components of the community. With this knowledge, the class will develop design and planning strategies for the landscape environment surrounding the city. Graduate students will have the opportunity to investigate the planning and design aspects of the Val di Chio context adjacent to Castiglion Fiorentino.
Weekly Schedule
The twelve-week academic program will begin on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 and conclude on Friday, November 24, 2017.** The weekly schedule consists of studio and lectures M-TU-W-Th. from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. with an hour break for lunch. Dinner occurs each evening at 7:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.; we normally devote the evenings to the painting and graphics class. Wednesdays or Thursdays are devoted to field trips to sites within the region; F-Su are open for individual travel and study. Two three-day field trips, one to Rome and the other to the Venice, will occur in September and mid-October respectively. A one week fall break occurs immediately after the Venice trip; students have the opportunity to visit the Amalfi Coast and Pompeii/Herculaneum or other destinations during the break.
** Dates may vary; confirmation by the beginning of spring quarter, 2016.

Courses
Courses include fifteen units of academic study, These include LA 401/I senior design, LA 463 senior seminar, LA 423/I history (the urban landscape), LA 464 Professional Practice, and LA 499 graphics. Graduate students enroll in LA 512, and may enroll in the LA 499 graphics class and the LA 423 Urban History course. All classes are taught by Cal Poly Pomona Landscape Architecture faculty members.

Documents
An important component in your travel to Europe is a valid US passport, or a visa for individuals not holding US passports. You should begin the process of acquiring a passport or visa by January, 2017. As we approach the summer season, the passport offices become backlogged with applications. Passport forms may be acquired at post offices. Individuals requiring visas must apply to the Italian Consulate in Los Angeles.

Transportation
Each participant is responsible for acquiring transportation to and from Italy. Several airline companies offer competitive rates. Generally, Airline flights cost $900-1300.00 round-trip LA-Italy. Less expensive fares are possible by traveling to London, Paris, or Frankfurt. These destinations would give you the opportunity to take a train to Italy and to view a range of landscapes along the route. Individuals who intend to fly directly to Italy may arrive at Florence or Rome and then take a train directly to Castiglion Fiorentino.

Language
Part of the program includes Italian language instruction. However, participants are encouraged to acquire as much language facility before arriving in Italy. Italians are accommodating and encourage the use of Italian language regardless of your level of facility. Knowing the language will enhance the quality of your experience.
Budget for the 2017 session***
The cost for the program consists of the following components:
Tuition for fifteen units for the twelve week session (In-state undergraduate students, estimate)

Room, Board, field trips, language instruction, studios, room cleaning, laundry, management. Meals and admission fees are not included on field trips. Dinner only provided on Saturday and Sunday evenings. *** Estimates contingent upon

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Undergraduate Tuition 2100.00

Airline fare $1200.00
Airfare currently ranges from $900.00-1300.00, round-trip LAX/Rome or Florence.
Breakfast only is provided on the Rome and Venice field trips. There is a $100.00 refundable room fee and a $80.00 non-refundable association fee that are paid on arrival at the Santa Chiara Study Center.
*** Estimate based on current exchange rates and undergraduate tuition amount. Dates are subject to change.

For further information regarding the program, including cost estimates for the session, please contact Phil Pregill at 909) 869-4431 or by e-mail at pnpregill@cpp.edu.

We look forward to your participation.