SPRING 2016 EXTENDED STUDY:
ROME AND POMPEII, ITALY (CLAS 250E)

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Director: Rebecca Ammerman

On-campus course: CLAS 250: Private and Public Life and the Material Culture of Rome and the Cities of Vesuvius

Tentative travel dates: May 18 - June 8, 2016

Destinations: Rome, Herculaneum, and Pompeii, Italy

Course credit: 0.5 credit (linked to CLAS 250)

Prerequisites: CLAS 250 (spring 2016 semester) and LAT 122

Applications available from: www.colgate.edu/off-campus-study/extended-study

Applications due: October 15, 2015

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Overview:

Private and public life in the urban centers of Rome, Italy forms the focus of this extended study. Through direct study of the material culture of Rome and the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum, the course investigates what life was like for men, women and children of very socio-economic class. From the grandiose villas and urban palaces of the emperors to the modest quarters of the slaves, students explore at first hand the settings of the private lives of individuals. Attention is also given to the public urban spaces, not only of the capital city of the Empire but also of the agricultural and seaside towns covered by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD.

The course will trace the history of the city of Rome, with all of its political, economic, social and religious institutions, from its origins in the 8th century BC, and that of the high Empire in the second century AD. The extended study introduces students to the physical spaces where Roman urban life developed and made its fundamental contribution to Western civilization.