

Umbra Institute

NJIT-Rutgers Summer Program in Italy

Study environmental history in Italy — summer 2018

This coming summer NJIT-Rutgers History Professor Neil Maher will teach a course in Italy called “The Nature of Cities: Exploring the Urban Environment in Italy and America.” The class will be taught in English, so no Italian language proficiency is required. The classes are held in Perugia, in central Italy, at the Umbra Institute. Class is twice a week with field trips to parks, aqueducts, and cemeteries around Perugia. The course will be accepted as transfer credit. The five-week Summer Session runs from May 26 to June 30. More information about the Umbra Institute may be found [here](#).

The Nature of Cities: Exploring the Urban Environment in Italy and America

Instructor: Neil Maher – Ph.D.

Credits: 3

Prerequisite: None

Course Description

When most people think of nature, they imagine places far beyond city limits: wild forests, high mountains, rolling countryside, and wind-swept seashores. Yet if we look closer, we can see nature everywhere in our cities – in urban parks, in water running from apartment faucets, in pollution that clouds the air, and even in the food that city-dwellers eat in restaurants. This course compares the histories of the natural environment in Italian and American cities. We will begin by re-examining the urban environment in America, before exploring, in both readings and field trips, the nature of Perugia and other Italian cities. Topics covered in the course include the development of urban water systems, the use of natural resources located beyond city limits, the negative environmental side effects of industrialization, the creation of urban parks for recreation, and the rise of the urban environmental justice movement. Class meetings will consist of lectures, group discussions, and several tours outside the classroom to analyze the urban environment of Perugia.

NJIT-Rutgers in Perugia Tuition

Rutgers and NJIT students should contact Prof. Maher for additional questions.

Prof. Maher’s class only: \$3,950	With NJIT Discount \$3,160.00
Prof. Maher’s class + Umbra elective: \$4,975	With NJIT Discount \$3,980.00

Tuition includes Academic Program, Housing, Airport Transfers & Orientation, Institute & University Facilities, Umbra-sponsored Cultural Activities, Student Services & 24-hr Assistance. Umbra transcripts are available free of charge (this transcript cannot be used for credit transfer).

Tuition does not include Airfare, Meals, Course Materials & Course Fees, and Insurance. Transcripts from the U. S. accredited institution of record are available at an extra fee. Only this transcript can be used for credit transfer.

A Big University Town in a Small Italian City. Rutgers-NJIT students will take advantage of the Umbra Institute's beautiful location in historic Perugia, Italy, to complete courses that count towards their majors, all while studying abroad and living in the real Italy. While the courses will be engaging, students will also have ample time on the weekend to travel elsewhere in Europe because no classes are held on Fridays. Thus, students have three-day weekends. Students can either 1) take just this class, or 2) take another course from the elective courses (all in English) offered at Umbra. See a list of standard summer courses here: [Summer 2018 course offerings](#).

Student Life. Each summer the Umbra Institute hosts between 80 and 100 American and Italian college students from colleges and universities across the U.S. and in Perugia. Housing is provided for all students in shared apartments within a 10-minute walk of the Institute. Apartments are fully furnished with fully equipped kitchens and have WiFi access. Check out some of the student activities offered at Umbra.

To learn more about the course, contact Professor Maher at maher@njit.edu.

Umbra Institute Summer Session 2018 Courses

The table below to shows basic information about course offerings at the Umbra Institute; here you can find the right courses for your semester abroad! Find more information [here](#).

Field Trips

Many courses include a co-curricular field trip to important destinations in Italy. Please see individual course descriptions for more details. Note that field trips are subject to change; therefore, students should not plan personal travel until the final field trip dates are confirmed by professors during the first week of classes.



AHIR 310: Italian Renaissance Masters: Art, Invention, and Culture (Summer)

- **Discipline(s):** [Art History](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Adrian S. Hoch - Ph.D. **Course Travel:** Yes

ANFS 363: Culinary Tourism, Health, and Food Culture in Italy

- **Discipline(s):** [Anthropology & Sociology](#), [Food Studies](#), [Italian Studies-Interdisciplinary](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Chelsea Wentworth
- **Course Travel:** Yes



ARCL 340: Archaeology in Central Italy: the Etruscan and Roman Heritage

- **Discipline(s):** [Archaeology](#), [Classical Studies](#), [History](#), [Museum Studies](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Giampiero Bevagna - M.A.
- **Course Travel:** Yes

ARFW 350: Archaeological Field Workshop

- **Discipline(s):** [Archaeology](#), [Classical Studies](#), [History](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Giampiero Bevagna - M.A.
- **Course Travel:** Yes



ARPH 210: Introduction to Photography: Portfolio of Perugia (Summer)

- **Discipline(s):** [Studio Art](#)
- **Available:** Summer
- **Course Type:** Courses with Service Learning, Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Philippa Stannard - M.F.A. **Course Travel:** No



CESP 354: Critical Disabilities Studies: Seminar and Practicum (Summer)

- **Discipline(s):** [Disability Studies](#), [Education](#), [Psychology](#)
- **Available:** Summer
- **Course Type:** Seminar & Practicum (mini Internships)
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Christian Tarchi - Ph.D.
- **Course Travel:** No

CWFS 350: Writing Italian Food

- **Discipline(s):** [Creative Writing](#), [Food Studies](#), [Italian Studies-Interdisciplinary](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Teresa Cutler-Broyles - MA & PhD (Candidate)
- **Course Travel:** Yes





CWIT 340: Italian Tales and Stories: Creative Writing Through Literary Models (Summer)

- **Discipline(s):** Creative Writing, English, Italian Studies-Interdisciplinary, Literature
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Antonella Valoroso - Ph.D.
- **Course Travel:** No

DHIR 210: Passion, Power, and Creative Process: Unmasking Dance in the Italian Renaissance

- **Discipline(s):** Dance, History, Italian Studies-Interdisciplinary
- **Available:** Summer **Taught in:** English
- **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Cynthia Nazzaro - Ph.D.
- **Course Travel:** Yes



FSNU 350: Italy and the Mediterranean Diet: Myths and Realities

- **Discipline(s):** Food Studies
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Christopher Fink - Ph.D.
- **Course Travel:** No

HSIT 349: The History and Culture of Food in Italy (Summer)

- **Discipline(s):** Anthropology & Sociology, Food Studies, History, Italian Studies-Interdisciplinary
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Elisa Ascione - Ph.D.
- **Course Travel:** Yes



HSUS 378: The Nature Of Cities: Exploring the Urban Environment in Italy and America

- **Discipline(s):** Environmental Studies, History
 - **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
 - **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
 - **Instructor:** Neil Maher – Ph.D. **Course Travel:** Yes
- May be used for History majors and minors at NJIT**

ITLN 101: Elementary Italian (Summer GS)

- **Discipline(s):** Italian Language & Culture
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English/Italian
- **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Italian Instructors
- **Course Travel:** No





ITLN 111 S: Intensive Italian through Culture: Elementary

- **Discipline(s):** [Italian Language & Culture](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English/Italian
- **Credits:** 4+4
- **Instructor:** Italian Instructors **Course Travel:** No

ITLN 211 S: Intensive Italian through Culture: Intermediate

- **Discipline(s):** [Italian Language & Culture](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English/Italian
- **Credits:** 4+4 **Course Travel:** No



ITLN 311 S: Intensive Italian through Culture: Advanced Intermediate

- **Discipline(s):** [Italian Language & Culture](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English/Italian
- **Credits:** 4+4

ITLN 411 S: Intensive Italian through Culture: Advanced

- **Discipline(s):** [Italian Language & Culture](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** Italian
- **Credits:** 4+4
- **Course Travel:** No



LIAH 370: Leonardo da Vinci: Renaissance Man and Modern Myth

- **Discipline(s):** [Art History](#), [Italian Studies-Interdisciplinary](#)
- **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** Ernesto Livorni - Ph.D.
- **Course Travel:** Yes

SOFS 350: The Culture of Wine: Italy and Beyond

- **Discipline(s):** [Anthropology & Sociology](#), [Food Studies](#)
- **Available:** Summer
- **Course Type:** Standard Courses
- **Taught in:** English
- **Credits:** 3
- **Instructor:** John C. Hartsock - Ph.D.
- **Course Travel:** Yes





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THIT 360: Mafia, Murder, and Mystery: Crime in Italian and American Cinema and Literature (Summer)

- **Discipline(s):** Film & Media Studies, Italian Studies-Interdisciplinary, Literature
 - **Available:** Summer **Course Type:** Standard Courses
 - **Taught in:** English **Credits:** 3
 - **Instructor:** Elgin K. Eckert - Ph.D. **Course Travel:** No
- May be used at NJIT as a Law-Related Elective for LTC**