



# ***Educational Seminars***

## **Program Description**

**2011 Italy Summer Classics Program**

***Sponsored by:*** the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA),  
U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Commission in Italy

***Administered by:*** American Councils for International Education, the  
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**PROGRAM OVERVIEW:**

The Italy Summer Classics Program is a short-term, professional development opportunity for U.S. high school teachers of Greek, Latin, or the Classics and is fully funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State. The program is designed to provide its participants with an understanding of the development of the ancient city of Rome and its immediate environs from the earliest settlements to the age of Constantine through a careful study of material remains and literary sources. Participants in the program will learn to read the material remains by becoming familiar with the techniques of interpreting ancient city planning, architecture, and the various forms of art. The second phase of the program is conducted by the Vergilian Society at Cumae and focuses on the social history of ancient Greeks, Romans, and others along the Bay of Naples. U.S. teachers will have the opportunity to interact with one another and to share perspectives on the teaching of Latin, Greek, or the Classics.

Program implementation is provided by American Councils for International Education, in partnership with the Fulbright Commission in Italy, the American Academy in Rome and the Vergilian Society at Cumae.

**PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:**

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have the educational equivalent of a Bachelor's (four-year) degree and have a good academic record of achievement
- Be a full-time employee in the U.S. with at least three years of experience as a teacher of Greek, Latin, or the Classics, before the start of the program
- Participate in a virtual program orientation
- Travel to Italy, participate in pre-program orientation and complete full program in Italy
- Attend a virtual program debrief in the fall following the program

Applicants should be creative, self-reliant, flexible and able to maintain excellent relationships with faculty, staff, and fellow students in Italy. Applicants should have a sincere interest in learning from the experience of others and sharing best practices.

**COST AND GRANT PROVISIONS:**

This program is fully funded through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State. This grant includes tuition for the grantees at the American Academy in Rome and the Vergilian Society at Cumae; partial room and board, and all travel within Italy required for the program; international and domestic airfare; meals and/or per diem; accommodations; and a shipping stipend for materials.

Upon completion of the program, participants become eligible to participate in the alumni small grant program for follow on activities.

**TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR:**

<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE</b>	<b>JANUARY 11, 2011</b>
<b>Separate American Academy in Rome Application Deadline <a href="http://www.aarome.org">www.aarome.org</a></b>	<b>JANUARY 18, 2011</b>
Selection Process*	February/March 2011
Final Award Notification	April 2011
Participate in a Pre-Program Virtual Orientation	Late May
Six week program in and around Rome, two week program in and around Naples	June 20 – August 19
Virtual Program Debrief	September 2011

\* Applicants may be contacted for a phone interview before final selection.

#### **APPLYING FOR THE ITALY SUMMER CLASSICS PROGRAM:**

To be considered for this Educational Seminar, please submit a complete application package to American Councils by the deadline established above. The application for the Classics Summer Program is available on the American Councils for International Education website at [www.americancouncils.org/es](http://www.americancouncils.org/es). *You must submit a separate application to the American Academy in Rome by January 18, 2011 to be considered for this program. More information about the American Academy in Rome is available at [www.aarome.org](http://www.aarome.org).*

A complete application package includes:

- **A COMPLETE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FORM**
- **THE ESSAY**
- **ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FORM**
- **A MAXIMUM TWO PAGE RESUME**

#### **PLEASE MAIL THE ORIGINAL AND 2 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:**

American Councils for International Education  
Attn: Educational Seminars Program  
1828 L Street, NW, Suite 1200  
Washington, DC 20036

#### **Should you have any questions, please contact:**

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### **EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries to promote friendly, and peaceful relations, as mandated by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

ECA accomplishes its mission through a range of programs based on the benefits of mutual understanding, international educational and cultural exchange, and leadership development. We engage youth, students, educators, artists, athletes, and rising leaders in many fields in the United States and more than 160 countries through academic, cultural, sports, and professional exchanges. Striving to reflect the diversity of the United States and global society, ECA programs, funding, and other activities encourage the involvement of American and international participants from traditionally underrepresented groups, including women, racial and ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities.

ECA exchange program alumni encompass over 1 million people around the world, including more than 40 Nobel Laureates and more than 300 current and former heads of state and government.

#### **AMERICAN COUNCILS FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: ACTR/ACCELS**

American Councils for International Education advances scholarly research and cross-border learning through the design and implementation of educational programs that are well grounded in key world languages, cultures and regions. American Councils contributes to the creation of new knowledge, broader professional perspectives, and personal and intellectual growth through international training, academic exchanges, collaboration in educational development, and public diplomacy. With a presence in the U.S., Russia and Eurasia for nearly four decades, in addition to representation in over thirty countries across Asia, the Middle East and Southeastern Europe, American Councils strives to expand dialog among students, scholars, educators and professionals for the advancement of learning and mutual respect in the diverse communities and societies in which we work.

Founded in 1974 as an association for area and language professionals, American Councils has focused its expertise on academic exchange, professional training, distance learning, curriculum and test development, delivery of technical assistance, research, evaluation, and institution building.

### **THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION IN ITALY**

Since 1948 the Commission for Cultural Exchange between Italy and the United States manages the scholarship program known as the Fulbright program named after its inventor Sen. J. William Fulbright. The Commission for Cultural Exchange between Italy and the United States enjoys the status of entity with legal personality and is governed by a Steering Committee composed of twelve members: six appointed by Americans' Ambassador of the United States of America and six appointed by the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate General for Cultural Promotion and Cooperation and Directorate General for the Americas, ensure financial security and the coordination of program management. The Fulbright Commission:

- Promotes opportunities for study, research and teaching in Italy and the United States through scholarships for Italian citizens and U.S. (130-140 scholarships each year).
- Offers an information service on Fulbright scholarships, and the study in the United States at the headquarters in Rome and at the Consular office of the United States government of Naples.
- Promotes the organization of national and international cultural, educational and scientific activities.

### **THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES AT ROME**

The mission of the American Academy in Rome, founded in 1894, is to foster the pursuit of advanced research and independent study in the fine arts and humanities.

Over the years, the Academy paid tribute to grand ideologies and fostered collaborative relationships which became the legacy of Rome Prize Fellows. Today, the Academy remains a dynamic, inspirational cultural site, a unique intellectual community involved in a complex and changing network of individuals and institutions with similar values.

The Academy provides a multi-disciplinary environment where groups of talented and ambitious artists and scholars come together, influence each other, and contribute to the artistic movements and scholarly culture of their time. Central to its mission are encounters with the Eternal City, deepening and intensifying all the Academy has to offer.

### **THE VERGILIAN SOCIETY, INC.**

The Vergilian Society was founded in 1937 with the following objectives: "In order to celebrate the ties of culture between Italy and America, a Society has been formed in Italy and named after Vergil." The purpose of this Society is to promote the study of Vergil by means of lectures, conferences, publications, and reports of excavation that have a bearing upon Vergil's works. Membership is open to any person who is interested in the study of Vergil.

Amadeo Maiuri, director of the National Museum at Naples and superintendent of Campanian archaeology, was the first President. This archaeologist was renowned for his excavations of Cumae, home of the Vergilian Sibyl, and the place where the Greeks first colonized Italy. The cultural ties developed into study tours of the Cumae area, and there are now two honorary Presidents in Italy.