UF in Tuscany (Italy)

Medieval Archaeology Field Practicum Summer B: July 6 - August 2, 2015

About the Program
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About the Location
The archaeological site of Santa Cristina is in the modern area of Buonconvento, a town located 15 miles from Siena in a typical landscape of southern Tuscany. Just to the south of Santa Cristina is the area of Montalcino with its world famous vineyard of Brunello di Montalcino. From there one can access the magnificent natural scenery of the Val’d’Orcia, which is on the UNESCO World Heritage List. For more information about the archaeological site, see http://archeologiamedievale.unisi.it/santa-cristina/

Excursions
Weekend excursions to Siena; Chianti (with wine tasting); Monteriggioni and Poggio Imperiale; Pienza, Chiusi and Montepulciano (with wine tasting). Afternoon excursions to Montalcino (with wine tasting), Murlo (Etruscan Museum), Monte Oliveto (Abbey and “Crete Senesi”), and Val d’Orcia (San Quirico, Castiglion d’Orcia, Bagno Vignoni).

Housing
You will stay in an agro-tourism hotel with a swimming pool, located close to Buonconvento. The hotel also offers breakfast and dinner, while packed lunch will be served on the site of Santa Cristina.

Participate in an ongoing research excavation of a late antique cemetery and Roman imperial workshops in Santa Cristina, an exemplary site of the Italian school of medieval archaeology.

Learn about medieval archaeology as a historical discipline, as well as the medieval history of a region rich in diverse traditions of the Mediterranean area. Buonconvento and Santa Cristina are located in one of the most important areas of current archaeological research in Italy.

Experience a first-rate archaeological excavation of a Late Roman and early medieval site, as well as life in the countryside of Italy, and the food, folklore, and local festivals of Tuscany.

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2015 Pricing
Undergraduate Program Fee: $7,130
A $300 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses.

What’s Included:
Tuition for 6 UF GPA credits, accommodation, all meals, 4 weekend tours (guides and tickets), transportation to and from the Florence train station, archaeological site fee, lessons and laboratories, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance.

What’s Not Included:
Round-trip airfare, additional personal travel and personal expenses.

Financial Aid
Most undergraduate financial aid that you would receive on campus during the summer can be applied toward the cost of this study abroad program. UFIC recommends that you speak with your financial aid advisor at Student Financial Affairs about your financial aid eligibility for study abroad.

Scholarships
UFIC offers summer scholarships for qualified students. This year’s summer scholarship deadline is February 13, 2015
Apply online at www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/Scholarships.html