

About the Center for Heritage and Archaeological Studies

The Center for Heritage and Archaeological Studies (CHAS) brings together scholarly research, education, and public outreach with a broad focus on heritage, identity, and community engagement. The work of CHAS ranges from archaeological excavations to public programs for students and community to collaboration with museums and historical societies.

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“VILLA OF THE ANTONINES”

Archaeological Field School
in
Genzano Di Roma Italy
July 1-28
2012



Montclair State University

The site

Sponsored by the Center for Heritage and Archaeological Studies and the Department of Classics and General Humanities, the “Villa of the Antonines” field work project will continue to explore the remains of a Roman imperial villa located along the route of the ancient Via Appia, adjacent to the modern town of Genzano, in the Alban Hills region only 18 miles from Rome.

On the basis of literary references and the discovery of several busts of emperors—including the “philosopher emperor” Marcus Aurelius—the villa is believed to have been property of the 2nd century CE imperial family of the Antonines. In spite of its importance, however, it has been only partly explored by archaeologists. The 2012 excavation will continue Montclair State’s ongoing project of investigating the layout and the history of the villa complex.

During the 4 week excavation (7:30am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday), students will receive hands-on experience in on-site recordkeeping, documentation, and laboratory practice, including data management and the interpretation of the archaeological evidence, especially ceramics.

Students will also be exposed to the rich ancient and contemporary ways of life of Italy through cultural activities and weekend excursions to historical and archaeological sites.



Enrollment Information

The estimated cost of the program is \$3,500 (exact amount contingent upon final budget during spring 2011). It does not include a \$100 non-MSU student application fee, airfare, and tuition for six semester hours of undergraduate or graduate credit.

The program cost includes:

- Transfer from/to a meeting point in Rome and the hotel in Genzano (Note: Participants must make their own air arrangements for travel to Rome and must arrive in Rome no later than 12 noon Rome time on Sunday, July 1)
- Shared occupancy rooms (housing from July 1-28 is included in the program cost)
- 3 meals per day (excluding week-ends)
- Transportation to/from the excavation site
- Necessary equipment for the excavation and lab activities (personal basic equipment like proper clothing attire and sturdy work shoes are the responsibility of the student; additional trowels are welcome)
- Weekend fieldtrips

Application Procedure

Required of all participants:

- minimum GPA of 2.75
- a 1-2 page statement of your reasons and motivations for wanting to attend the program
- a 1-page cv including description of any previous relevant coursework or fieldwork experience
- two letters of recommendation (for MSU students only one letter from a professor other than the faculty members leading the program is required)
- interview with the program directors (in-person for MSU students, telephone/Skype for others)
- Medical Clearance



Payment schedule

The payment schedule for program costs is as follows:

Non-refundable application fee:	\$100
By February 15, 2012:	\$400
By March 15, 2012:	\$500
<i>(Medical Documentation Due)</i>	
By April 15, 2012:	\$1,500
<i>(Proof of Tuition Payment Due)</i>	
By May 15, 2012:	\$1,000

Please Note:

No prerequisites or prior field experience is required.

