Introduction
The diverse approaches to planning, landscape architecture, urban design and development found in Italy and Greece will be the focus of the international study program for 2015. The physical and social structure of cities, villages and the rural landscape will be analyzed to understand historical precedents, cultural differences and planning/design priorities. Innovative and trend-setting projects in sustainable design and planning are of particular interest. Specific topics of study include: Urban Design and Pedestrian Zones, Urban Park and Plaza Design, New Town Planning and Urban Development, Historical Palace and Estate Garden Design, Landscape Architecture and Landscape Planning, Vernacular Landscapes and Townscapes and Sustainable Planning/Design and Green Building.

Course Structure and Content
Students register for International Field Studies LAP 485 (6) undergraduate or LAP 598 (6) graduate. This course is an intensive field study program that includes guided field trips, lectures, group activities and prescribed small group and individual activities. Approximately one day per week is allocated for student free time.

Course Requirements:
1. Complete all assigned advance readings.
2. Attend preparation meetings and complete preparation assignments.
3. Complete pre-departure research assignment consisting of a summary paper (4 pages) and a 5 minute presentation about a site we will visit in Europe.
4. Maintain a daily sketchbook/journal/blog.
5. Undertake a traveling critical analysis.
6. Document good ideas.
7. Participate in group activities and make required small group or individual site visits.

Evaluation:
Students will be evaluated using ASU’s standard grading scale (A=excellent to E=failing). Grades will be computed based on the following factors: 1) Advance readings – 5%, 2) Preparation meeting attendance - 5%, 3) Pre-departure research assignment – 20%, 4) Daily sketchbook or journal entries - 20%, 5) Traveling critical analysis - 20%, 6) Good ideas documentation – 20%, 7) Participation - 10%.

Eligibility and Registration:
This course is open to students of all majors. Students who are not currently attending ASU may also participate in ASU study abroad programs. Students may register for undergraduate or graduate credit or audit.

Costs and Payment Schedule
Costs for the program can be separated into three parts. 1) Program fees/tuition are $5245 and will be posted to your ASU account. Program fees include tuition (6 credits), lodging, ground transportation between European cities (does not include public transportation in cities), entrance fees for group activities and a final group farewell dinner. 2) Students are also responsible for their own airfare to and from Europe. Return airfare from the U.S. is estimated at $1500, but individual arrangements may vary depending on time of booking and travel arrangements. 3) Daily expenses for meals, public transportation and miscellaneous items are estimated at $40-50 per day (approx. $800). Daily expense funds should be accessible with Visa debit (ATM) cards.

Financial Aid and Scholarships:
Eligible students may use financial aid funds to pay for program costs. Students should make specific arrangements with the financial aid office and complete the approval process as early as possible. Scholarships are available through ASU Study Abroad office. In previous years, several scholarships have been awarded to students on this program. Check the ASU Study Abroad web site for application materials.

Travel Arrangements
Lodging is prearranged for shared rooms (2-4 students per room) in modest pensions or hotels. Travel between cities will be by plane and trains (paid in program fees). In cities, public transportation (metro and buses) will be used. Students are responsible for public transportation costs out of their own daily expense funds.

Itinerary:
May 16  Depart US for Barcelona
May 17-22  Barcelona, Spain
May 22-26  Rome, Italy
May 26-29  La Spezia (Cinque Terre). Italy
May 29-June 1  Florence, Italy
June 1-4  Venice, Italy
June 4  Depart Venice for US or other destinations

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