

**RYERSON UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Geography**

**GEO 773: Field Studies (Italy)**

**Fall 2008**

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<p><b>This is a <i>professional elective course</i> offered to students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Geographic Analysis Program.</b></p>
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<p><i>Students are required to use their Ryerson e-mail address. This address will be the <u>only one</u> used to communicate with you. It is your responsibility to check your Ryerson e-mail regularly.</i></p>
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The Italy field trip will take place from September 19 to 28, 2008. It is designed to expose students to a range of issues particular to the places that are visited.

Students are responsible for ensuring that they possess the necessary documentation for admission to all destination countries (i.e., Passport, Canadian birth certificate and photo identification, visa if necessary, etc.). If you have any questions about this, contact Wayne Higgins (Departmental Administrative Assistant) at 416-979-5038.

Space is at a premium, so baggage will be restricted to **one bag per person**. Any medical issues should be pointed out to faculty **prior** to leaving Toronto. If you require prescription drugs, be sure they are kept in the original prescription bottle, or are accompanied by the prescription. You need to ensure that you acquire Blue Cross or equivalent supplemental medical coverage for the period of the field trip (unless you already covered by a plan for foreign medical expenses).

Students are **required** to sign a **Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement**.

**COURSE EVALUATION:**

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| 1) Pre-Trip Exam (Sept. 18)<br>(multiple choice and fill in the blanks) | = | 40% |
| 2) In-field observation and group classroom presentation                | = | 60% |

**All assignments must be handed directly to your instructor.**

In order to receive a passing grade for the course, students must:

- 1.** Meet acceptable standards in the required assignments;
- 2.** Participate in the scheduled activities on the field trip itinerary (**a 10% total course grade reduction** will be administered for each scheduled event on the field trip where students fail to participate; **a 5% total course grade reduction** will be administered for each scheduled event on the field trip where students are late); and
- 3.** Meet professional standards of conduct. Students must adhere to the Student Code of Academic and Non-academic Conduct and other relevant university policies. You are responsible for reading the code. **Proper student conduct is crucial on a trip of this nature**—any breach will be addressed by instituting disciplinary action.

**NOTE:** If you miss the exam, a medical certificate is required to write a replacement exam. This document must be submitted within three (3) working days of the missed exam.

<b>No Faculty Course Survey will be administered for this course.</b>
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In accordance with Ryerson University policy, students should be aware of the following:

- a) Grades on assignments, tests and exams, including final exams, may be posted by student identification number, sorted after at least the first two digits have been removed. Students who wish not to have grades posted must inform the instructor in writing (or via email).
- b) The grades for this course (Geo773) will be posted on the course website (<http://www.geography.ryerson.ca/wayne/Geo773-F2008/index.htm>) using the last 4 digits of your student number.
- c) Students are reminded that plagiarism and academic integrity are important issues. Consult the information under <http://www.ryerson.ca/ai/students/studentcheating.html>.