

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

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

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**This is a *professional elective* course offered to students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Geographic Analysis Program.**

***Students are required to use their Ryerson e-mail address. This address will be the only one used to communicate with you. It is your responsibility to check your Ryerson e-mail regularly.***

**No Faculty Course Survey will be administered for this course.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The Italy/Austria field trip will take place from September 17 to 26, 2010. It is designed to expose students to a range of issues particular to these countries and regions.

Students are responsible for ensuring that they possess the necessary documentation for admission to Italy/Austria (and Germany where we will fly into) - (i.e., Passport, Canadian birth certificate and photo identification, visa if necessary, etc.). If you have any questions about this, contact Sally Wong (Departmental Assistant) at 416-979-5038 or Wayne Forsythe (forsythe[at]geography.ryerson.ca).

Space is at a premium, so baggage will be restricted to **one bag per person**. Any medical problem 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) Test (will be administered on the flight to Munich)<br>(multiple choice and fill in the blanks)  | = 25% |
| 2) In-field observation and group classroom presentation<br>(15% In-field observation, 60% group classroom presentation)<br>(further details will be provided in the first class on Sept. 13) | = 75% |

**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 20% total course grade reduction** will be administered for each scheduled event on the field trip where students fail to participate; **a 10% 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:** Unless otherwise indicated, all work must be done **individually**. Late penalty on all required course material: **20% per day** (not accepted if more than **one (1) school day late unless a medical certificate is submitted or other acceptable arrangements have been made and confirmed in writing prior to the due date**). Exceptions re late penalty: medical grounds will be considered only for students who complete the Ryerson Medical Form which can be accessed at <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/forms/medical.pdf>.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** The class will meet three times in KHS 338 during the fall semester.

**September 13:** 12-3pm - mandatory attendance (**a 20% total course grade reduction** will be administered for non-attendance. This is the only class before departure.)

**October 4:** 12-2pm (should be in attendance, presentation guidelines given out)

**October 25:** 12-3pm - mandatory attendance (**a 20% total course grade reduction** will be administered for non-attendance. All group presentations will occur during this class.)

#### **Make-Up Tests and Exams: (refer to Policy 145-Fall 2009)**

Should a student miss a midterm test or final exam, make-up tests and/or exams will be arranged according to Ryerson University Course Management Policy (Policy 145-Fall 2009)

Please refer to: <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/policies/pol145.pdf>

- *“Should a student miss a mid-term test or equivalent (e.g. studio or presentation), with appropriate documentation, a make-up will be scheduled as soon as possible in the same semester. Make-ups should cover the same material as the original assessment but need not be of an identical format”.*
- *“Only if it is not possible to schedule such a make-up may the weight of the missed work be placed on the final exam, or another single assessment. This may not cause that exam or assessment to be worth more than 70% of the student’s final grade.”*
- *“If a student misses a scheduled make-up test or exam, the grade may be distributed over other course assessments even if that makes the grade on the final exam worth more than 70% of the final grade in the course.”*

**For information on academic integrity please see:**

<http://www.ryerson.ca/ai/students/studentcheating.html>