

STUDY FOR YOUR MONASH DEGREE ON THE ITALIAN RIVIERA



GES3260 / GYM4260 CULTURAL LANDSCAPE, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IN ITALY

TAUGHT DECEMBER 2007 AS A 10 DAY INTENSIVE IN THE MAGNIFICENT WORLD HERITAGE REGION OF THE CINQUE TERRE, LIGURIA. IDEAL FOR STUDENTS IN THE AREAS OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, TOURISM AND EUROPEAN STUDIES. AVAILABLE AS A SUMMER SEMESTER UNIT FOR 2ND YEAR STUDENTS ENTERING 3RD YEAR, OR FOR 3RD YEAR STUDENTS COMPLETING THEIR STUDIES. ALSO AVAILABLE AS A 4TH YEAR UNIT IN SELECTED PROGRAMS.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UNIQUE LINKS BUILT WITH THE REGION BY STAFF OF GES AND THE SUBSIDY PROVIDED BY MONASH ABROAD. AFTER STUDY, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE EUROPE!

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ABOUT THE UNIT

GES3260/GYM4260 WILL BE TAUGHT ON LOCATION IN THE WONDERFUL PARCO NAZIONALE DELLE CINQUE TERRE ON THE ITALIAN RIVIERA. IN ITS WORLD HERITAGE LISTING OF THE AREA UNESCO CITES THE "CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF HIGH CULTURAL AND SCENIC VALUE ... THE FORM AND DISPOSITION OF SMALL TOWNS ... THE SHAPING OF THE LANDSCAPE (AND) ENCAPSULATION OF THE CONTINUOUS HISTORY OF SETTLEMENT OVER THE PAST MILLENNIUM." ALTHOUGH IDENTIFIED AS A REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE WORTH PRESERVING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, THE CINQUE TERRE IS UNDER HUGE ENVIRONMENTAL PRESSURE AS A RESULT OF 20TH CENTURY RURAL DEPOPULATION, ABANDONMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS, LANDSCAPE INSTABILITY, AND BURGEONING TOURISM. THIS UNIT WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS AT BOTH LEVELS 3 AND 4 WITH UNIQUE INSIGHT, IN A FIELD-BASED CONTEXT, INTO THE INTEGRATED REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY, CULTURAL LANDSCAPE AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THIS SMALL REGION. PROBLEMS OF INTEGRATING TOURISM AND AGRICULTURAL OBJECTIVES WHILE MINIMISING NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL IMPACTS WILL BE EXPLORED, AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY PROPOSED. THIS UNIT IS BEING ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL PARK AND THERE WILL BE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO INTERACT WITH PARK MANAGEMENT AND STAFF.

TEACHING LOCATION	THE UNIT IS BASED IN THE SMALL VILLAGE OF RIOMAGGIORE IN THE CINQUE TERRE, LIGURIA, ITALY. CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CASTELLO (CASTLE) DI RIOMAGGIORE, AT THE COASTAL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY OF TORRE GUARDIOLA, AND IN THE FIELD.
TIMETABLE	THE UNIT WILL OPERATE OVER A 10 DAY PERIOD DURING THE FIRST HALF OF DECEMBER, 2007. THERE WILL BE A 2-3 HOUR PRE-TRIP MEETING AT MONASH DURING SEMESTER 2, 2007. ASSESSABLE WORK WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE FIELD AND BY THE FIRST WEEK OF SEMESTER 1, 2008.
TRAVEL	STUDENTS WILL MAKE THEIR OWN WAY FROM MELBOURNE TO THE CINQUE TERRE. THE CINQUE TERRE IS BEST ACCESSED BY TRAIN EITHER VIA GENOVA OR PISA. ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING TRAVEL WILL BE PROVIDED BY MONASH STAFF. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FIELD-BASED COMPONENT OF THE UNIT, STUDENTS WILL BE FREE TO EXPLORE EUROPE ON THEIR OWN.
ACCOMMODATION	STUDENTS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN A HOSTEL IN THE VILLAGE OF MANAROLA, ABOUT 20 MINUTES WALK ALONG THE FAMED "VIA DELL' AMORE", A BEAUTIFUL COASTAL WALK CONNECTING THE VILLAGES OF MANAROLA AND RIOMAGGIORE. ALTERNATIVELY STUDENTS MAY TAKE THE 2 MINUTE TRAIN RIDE.
COST	THE TOTAL COST, INCLUDING ALL TRAVEL, FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION IS ESTIMATED AT ~\$3,000, MINUS ANY SUBSIDY PROVIDED BY MONASH ABROAD. IN THE PAST THESE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE PROVEN TO BE VERY GENEROUS. WHATEVER THE FINAL COST, IT WILL BE A VERY INEXPENSIVE WAY TO GET TO EUROPE OVER THE AUSTRALIAN SUMMER WHILE AT THE SAME TIME UNDERTAKING EXCITING AND USEFUL STUDY.
STAFFING AND REGISTRATION OF INTEREST	STAFF INVOLVED IN THIS UNIT IN 2007 ARE PROFESSOR NIGEL TAPPER (COORDINATOR) AND DR REBEKAH BROWN. CONTACT NIGEL TAPPER TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THIS EXCITING NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITY - NIGEL.TAPPER@ARTS.MONASH.EDU.AU