



VENICE, ITALY > SUMMER ABROAD



REQUIRED COURSES

CAS?EE 348 Monitoring and Management of Coastal?Wetlands, Lagoons and Estuaries (4 credits) Introduction to processes driving change in coastal environments - climate change, sea level rise. History and recent modifications of Venice lagoon will be studied through both remote-sensing and on-site observations with hands-on projects.

CAS?EE 349 Global Climate Change: Science, Economics and Policy (4 credits) Examines climate change and its policy challenges to the international community. Studies scientific basis, effects on the economy and society, national interests in implementing policy. Euro-Mediterranean area case studies, including visits to Venice-area wetlands to see policy in action.

Venice Environmental Studies Program

The City of Venice, Italy is home to innumerable and priceless artifacts and treasures of western heritage and also a frequently cited example in heated debates about the impact of climate change. This makes Venice a unique, exciting, and dynamic location to explore a variety of critical issues related to climate change.

Through two complementary courses this eight-credit program introduces the main processes driving change in the Venice lagoon and examines the challenges faced by the international community in developing and implementing policies to address the potential impacts of this change.

The dual focus of the program will examine both the scientific underpinnings of climate change and sea level rise, and their effects on the economy and society. What types of policies are likely to be effective in addressing the impact of climate change, both on humans and on the environment? The curriculum will use the history of the Venice lagoon, as well as its more recent modifications, to illustrate the issues connected with human-driven changes in coastal bays and estuaries, sea level rise, and natural environmental dynamics.

No background in Italian language is required and all courses are taught in English.

PROGRAM STAFF

BU Venice Director, Assistant Academic Director and Program Coordinator.

FACULTY

Enrica De Cian, PhD and Sonia Silvestri, PhD.

Boston University Venice programs are hosted at the Boston University Venice site. The site is located in the heart of Venice, near Campo Santa Margherita, and hosts classroom space and offices. A program manager oversees the admissions and pre-departure procedures, and maintains contact with students prior to their arrival in Venice.

HOUSING

Students stay in furnished apartments in Venice

PROGRAM DATES

Summer Term: early June-late July

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Summer Term: March 1

ADMISSIONS

Refer to our policy on eligibility/admissions at: www.bu.edu/abroad/admissions

SUMMER 2015 PROGRAM COST

\$9,175. Cost includes tuition, housing, field trips, overseas medical insurance, and emergency travel assistance coverage. Financial aid is available.