

Lazy summer sunshine, studying and travel in . . .

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If lazy summer sunshine is on your prerequisite list for studying abroad, check out the Italian University for Foreigners at Perugia. Settled in amongst the rolling foothills around the Appennines, Perugia offers some of the best summer weather in Italy.

Realizing that summer is prime time in Perugia, Oregon sponsors a summer session at Perugia's university for American students. Just about any student, regardless of age, major, or grade point average, is eligible.

As its name implies, the university is open only to foreigners, offering them a first-hand education in Italian language and culture. All course instruction is in Italian by professors of Italian universities and other people distinguished in the political, scientific, artistic and literary fields.

Although language proficiency is not required for admission, the university strongly recommends at least one year of Italian before attending Perugia. Intense Italian instruction, offered at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, is a basic part of each student's curriculum at Perugia.

Other courses offered at the university are History of Italian Literature, the Divine Comedy, History of Italian Theater, Italian Pronunciation and Syntax, Practical Phonetics, Italian History, History of Italian Philosophy, History of Art and History of Italian Music. The student is completely free to take whichever courses he wants.

The summer session, running from July 1 to Aug. 24, offers the full curriculum plus one addition: a course in Literature and Society of Contemporary Italy, taught in English by the American program director. The 1976 director will be Gino Casagrande, a professor at the University of Wisconsin.

The average study load for the summer session is 12 credits, all transferable. Testing is identical to the American system of exams and papers. Grading is optional.

In addition to courses, the university organizes weekend field trips for its students. Cultural trips are held on Saturdays and beach outings are on Sundays. Trips are approximately \$4 each.

Amtrak cuts pet-owner ties

Washington (AP) — Amtrak announced it will not allow pets in any passenger areas of its trains after Feb. 14 but will continue to carry them inside baggage cars.

The corporation has been allowing first class passengers to keep their pets with them in parlor cars and sleeping car roomettes. However, Amtrak said numerous complaints by passengers led it to change this policy Monday.

Amtrak said pets would be carried in baggage cars only if the animals were inside secure, well-ventilated containers. Pets will not be allowed aboard trains that do not have baggage cars and will not be loaded or unloaded at stations that do not handle checked baggage.

Most of Amtrak's short-haul trains, including the metroliners and the new Amfleet cars, have no baggage cars and thus no accommodations for pets.

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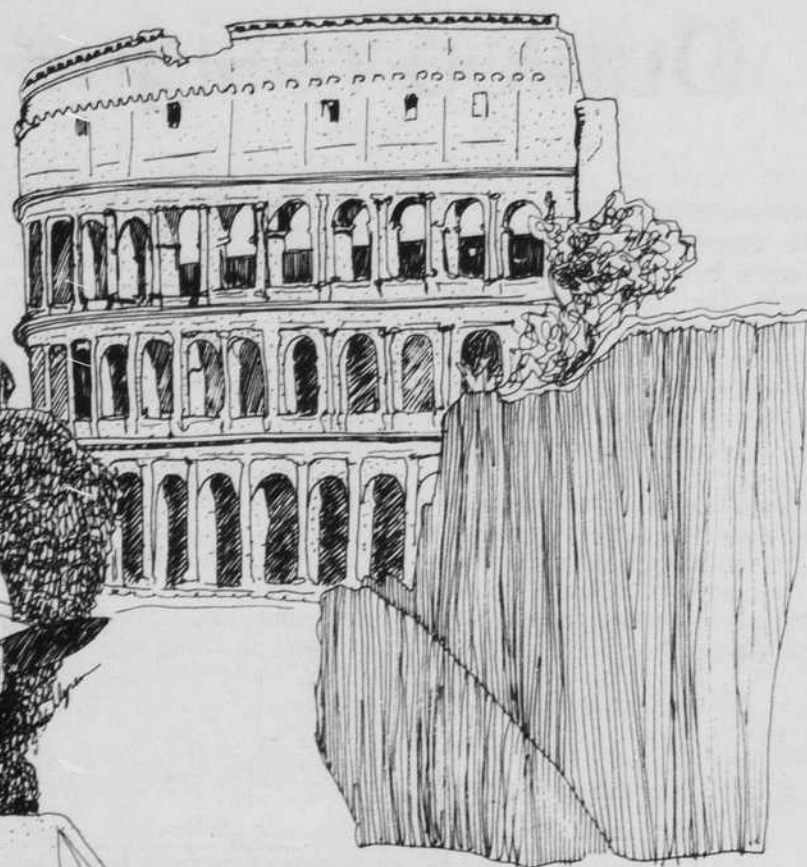
Personal traveling is also ideal for Perugia students since the town is located in the middle of Italy, only a short train ride from Rome or Florence.

Tuition fees for next summer will be approximately \$235. Each student is responsible for his own room and board, which costs an extra \$125 to \$140 a month. Travel expenses to and from Italy are also extra.

Currently, Oregon sponsors students at Perugia only during the summer session. However, according to Sylvia Giustina, organizer of Oregon summer program and former program director, the romance languages department is working on another program which would sponsor students during the regular academic year also. This program might be ready for the 1977-78 academic year.

Giustina will hold an information meeting on Perugia for interested students Thursday afternoon at 3:30 in the library's Studio D. If unable to attend, see Giustina anytime in her office, 419 Friendly.

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