

JSIS Rome 2019 Program Description

This will be the third year of the JSIS winter quarter program in Rome. The Task Force has been part of the International Studies major at the Jackson School since 1983. It gives students an opportunity to provide leaders with substantive policy recommendations based on rigorous research and evaluation. During the winter of 2017 the program included a Task Force devoted to US Foreign Policy in Europe. In the winter of 2018 the Task Force program continued with two groups, one devoted to NATO Russia Relations, the other devoted to Brexit. In 2019 we will again offer two Task Forces. Each one will be related to the primary five credit course offered by one of the instructors. Both faculty members have extensive contacts in Europe that will enhance the educational environment. Before departure from the US, students will be assigned to Task Force teams that will begin assess the current security situation in Europe. In the fall we will meet in Seattle to identify important issues and develop the scope and focus of the Task Force Reports. In Rome they will meet with local officials the State Department, International Organizations and NGO's. In 2017 and 2018 students visited the NATO Defense College and were hosted by the Turkish Ambassador to Italy at the Turkish Embassy.

Program Director: Frederick Lorenz, JD, LLM, Senior Lecturer, Jackson School of International Studies, is a retired US Marine Judge Advocate with extensive experience in Europe, including participation in NATO's first deployment (Bosnia) in 1996. He went on later to serve with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, working closely with the NATO's KFOR ground element. His experience in directing three winter study abroad programs in Rome (2016 through 2018) has resulted in a well developed network of resources and speakers, including leaders at the NATO Defense College in Rome and the NATO Headquarters in Brussels. EMAIL lorenz@uw.edu

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