

**The program has been approved and we can begin to make final plans and purchase airline tickets.** A separate page indicates the days you need to be in Rome from the first to the last day. We will soon have a web page for all the important program postings, in addition to the Canvas pages for postings on the three five-credit courses you will be taking in Rome.

**We will have three pre-departure sessions Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in Thompson 317.** The dates are **November 7, November 14 and Nov 28.**

At these meetings we will present important information, provide a detailed calendar, and try to answer all your questions.

Task Force: We will soon be sending out information on your two options for Task Force, and more detail on the other two courses you will be taking in Rome.

You will be receiving a number of e-mails directly from the UW Study Abroad office on subjects including insurance and a separate pre-departure brief. You will be receiving other messages directly from the Rome Center about housing and other details

If you are not travelling on a US Passport you should have already made plans to obtain your Schengen Visa. This is your responsibility to make all the arrangements, but let me know if you have any questions.

**Airline Tickets** to and from Rome are your responsibility, now is the time to look at the best fares and schedules. You are welcome to share this information with other students, and traveling with other students and sharing housing cost before the program begins is recommended.

**If you might be in Europe for 90 days or more** (in any 180 day period) you might be in violation of the Schengen Visa rules. If you have a question on this contact the Program Director before you purchase airline tickets.

For other questions about the program please contact Professor Lorenz ([lorenz@uw.edu](mailto:lorenz@uw.edu)). He can respond to e-mails and can meet with students on campus in Thomson 208 on Mondays and Wednesdays as needed.