

Greece & Italy: Ancient civilizations, urbanization, and environment.

Questions

Please answer the following questions as briefly as possible. Point form is fine. Your answers to these questions will be the basis for your one-on-one interview.

1) Past travel experience

- a) Have you ever traveled abroad before (other than to the USA)?
- b) If so, where did you travel? With family?
- c) How old were you at the time?
- d) What degree of autonomy did you experience? Was this essentially a guided tour?
- e) Are you prepared to interact with other cultures and languages?

2) Personal traits

- a) Do you consider yourself a mature adult, capable of making sensible decisions about your welfare and safety, independent from family or friends? Give an example of a situation where you made a difficult decision, that impacted your welfare, as an independent adult. (e.g. illness/injury or car breaks down or...)
- b) Do you adapt readily to unexpected events and changing conditions?
- c) How would you characterize your level of fitness for hiking/walking? How much hiking/walking would you consider too strenuous?

3) Academic traits

- a) Describe yourself as a student. Do you prefer highly structured assignments or assignments that allow you to be creative and encourage original research?
- b) This trip will require extensive and rigorous travel while completing academic requirements. Are you prepared for the challenges this may present in order to cover the itinerary?
- c) This is not a tour! It is an academic program with a moving classroom (4 courses to be completed). Are you willing to prioritize your academic work in the same way you would for on-campus courses?

Characteristics of students who thrive in this program (Please read!)

These are some of the characteristics of students who will be interested in this program and as a result succeed academically. These are supplied for your information only, no responses required. These characteristics will be part of the one-on-one interview.

- 1) Second year standing.** Students must have completed one year of post-secondary education.

- 2) **Students take ownership of academic program.** There are several options for courses in this program. It is up to you to meet with your program advisor to ensure that the courses you choose will fit into your degree program.
- 3) Prior courses in Archaeology, Geography, Geology, or Urban studies are useful but NOT required. Students should be willing to do predeparture readings/lectures as recommended. Recommended background preparation will depend on a student's academic background and course registrations in this program.
- 4) **Students should have an interest in:**
 - a) ancient Roman and Greek history and archaeology
 - b) how the natural environment influences human civilizations
 - c) how humans modify the natural environment
 - d) how humans manage their natural and historical resources
- 5) Students should be respectful of other cultures.
- 6) Students should be willing to act responsibly and respectfully toward other students and instructors. This includes but is not limited to gender, ethnic, or cultural identity.
- 7) Students must be willing to use public transport while traveling.
- 8) Students should be adaptable.