

SMU Italy Study Abroad Itinerary
RELIGION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION: MEDIATION SKILLS FOR CHURCH LEADERS
June 21-27, 2009

Sunday

Afternoon Check into Hotel Carolus (you are encouraged to arrive in Italy no later than Saturday, June 20, 2009, to avoid being jet-lagged at the start of class; make own arrangements for lodging for Saturday night).
4:00-7:00 Orientation at Hotel Carolus.
Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict
Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict

Monday

8:30-10:15 *Artistic Rivalry and Revival: Conflict as an Impetus to Creativity in Italian Renaissance Art*
Understanding Your Own Style of Response to Conflict
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-12:00 *Your Personal Style Profile: Affirming Your Strengths and Managing Your Excesses*
12:00-1:00 Lunch at Villa La Pietra
1:00-3:00 Tour of Villa La Pietra
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-4:30 *Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: How to Be Effective When People Are Angry*
4:30-4:45 Break
4:45-5:30 *Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: Negotiating Win-Win Solutions*

Tuesday

8:00-12:30 Lecture Tour – Baptistery, Duomo, Museo dell’Opera del Duomo, Museo del Bargello, Santa Croce
1:00-2:00 Lunch at Villa La Pietra
2:00-3:45 *Mediation Skills: Theoretical Introduction and Overview of the Process*
3:45-4:00 Break
4:00-5:30 *Mediation Skills: Getting People to the Table and Introduction Stage*

Wednesday

8:00-12:00 Lecture Tour – Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Loggia dei Lanzi, Galleria degli Uffizi, Orsanmichele, Palazzo Davanzati, Santa Trinità
12:30-1:30 Lunch at Villa La Pietra
1:30-3:00 *Mediation Skills: Story-Telling Stage*
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-4:45 *Mediation Skills: Problem-Solving Stage*
4:45-5:00 Break
5:00-5:30 *Mediation Skills: Problem-Solving and Healing Strategies*

Thursday

8:30-10:15 *Mediation Skills: Agreement Stage*
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-12:00 *Mediation Skills: Neutralizing History*
12:00-1:00 Lunch at Villa La Pietra
1:00-2:30 *Mediation Skills: Mediating Multi-Party Disputes*
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-4:15 *Dynamics of Congregational Conflict*
4:15-4:30 Break
4:30-5:30 *Family Systems Theory and Church Conflict*

Friday

8:30-10:00 *Mediating Congregational Conflict: Overview and Contracting Phase*
10:00-10:15 Break
10:15-12:00 *Mediating Congregational Conflict: Information Gathering and Education Phases*
12:00-1:00 Lunch at Villa La Pietra
1:00-2:45 *Mediating Congregational Conflict: Healing Phase*
2:45-3:00 Break
3:00-4:30 *Mediating Congregational Conflict: Problem-Solving and Closing Phases*

Saturday

8:30-12:30 Lecture Tour – Sant’ Apollonia, Galleria dell’ Accademia, SS. Annunziata, Museo di San Marco
12:30-5:00 Free Time
6:30-10:00 Excursion and Gala Dinner in Fiesole

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Departure Check out of Hotel Carolus