Study Abroad in Ancient Sicily

Summer I: 2020
6 credits

Sicily, like Texas, has had many flags. The ancient Greek city of Syracuse was one of the most important Greek colonies. They defeated an ill-planned Athenian invasion during the Peloponnesian Wars, all but securing Spartan victory. North African settlements traded peacefully with the Greeks but prosecuted bloody wars against the Romans. The Romans came out on top and left the remnants of impressive cities. Further conquests by the Moors and the Normans added to the rich cultural tapestry of this Mediterranean hub.

Our study of ancient Mediterranean civilization will begin with the Greek influences (CLAS 3320 World of Greece) and will take us to some of the oldest and best preserved archaeological sites in the Mediterranean. In our pursuit of understanding the connection between food and culture (CLAS 4310: Food and Identity in Ancient Sicily) we will visit farms, village markets, fishing ports, and more! There will be opportunities daily to beat the heat at the beach.

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