WELCOME TO SICILY!
study abroad program
June 6-18, 2017

Set in the beautiful Simeto Valley, in Eastern Sicily, UofM students and faculty will engage with Simeto residents and officials in an action-research process aimed at revitalizing a declining historic community through advanced community development strategies. The main challenge is to preserve the existing cultural richness and authenticity while addressing economic and population decline.

In this class we will use various research activities (ethnographic research, spatial analysis, best-practice research, etc.) to contribute to a participatory community process that is committed to environmental sustainability and social justice.

This engaged-learning experience is part of an ongoing collaboration between the University of Memphis and the Simeto Community, within the framework of an internationally renowned community development plan for the Simeto Valley, called the SIMETO RIVER AGREEMENT. Within the broad framework offered by this Agreement, the class offers students the opportunity to link economic sustainability with socio-cultural and eco-environmental dimensions of development.

Students are eligible for 3 credits via credit by exam.

The cost is $3,300 + airfare (approx. $1,000-1,500) + $60 credits by exam fee - Scholarships are available up to $2,000.

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At the end of your application for the program, you can apply for the Study Abroad Scholarship (or, go to http://www.memphis.edu/abroad/ and click on “scholarships”). The deadline for applying and requesting a scholarship is March 1st.

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