

Urban Regeneration in Eastern Sicily

June 17 – June 26, 2015

A Study Abroad Field Experience

PLAN 7708: Planning Practice (Summer 2015)

This program is a 10-day long field experience in the Provinces of Catania and Siracusa (Sicily, Italy), which will study and directly contribute to the efforts of local officials and community organizations working in the Simeto River Valley (eastern Sicily) toward promoting regional development through Urban Regeneration.

Over the past years, towns in the Simeto River Valley have worked to develop the "Simeto River Agreement", a shared document that identifies a set of rules and regulations to be considered in future planning and design processes that affect local communities. Today, ten municipalities in the Simeto Valley (Paternò, Adrano, Biancavilla, Santa Maria di Licodia, Belpasso, Centuripe, Motta S. Anastasia, Ragalna, Regalbuto and Nicolosi) have already signed this formal document.

The "Agreement" has identified Urban Regeneration as one of the top 4 priorities to promote a model of development for the Simeto bio-region inspired by social solidarity and landscape ecology. Within the broad framework offered by the "Simeto River Agreement," the workshop offers the opportunity to learn about Urban Regeneration breaking the limits of financial rationality, linking economic sustainability issues with socio-cultural and eco-environmental dimensions

These ten municipalities in collaboration with a network grassroots and non-profit organizations in the Simeto River Valley will sponsor the University of Memphis study abroad trip. Students involved in the study abroad will have the opportunity to work on urban regeneration proposals for each of the ten municipalities sponsoring the event. Students will work in groups and each group will produce a proposal, which is going to be presented at the end of the workshop to public officials, local leaders, and community members.

Estimated Program Cost: 2,660 (plus airfare)

Application deadline: March 15th

Students may apply for a Study Abroad Scholarship:

<http://www.memphis.edu/abroad/scholarships.php>

Scholarship Application Deadline: March 3rd

University of Memphis students will be eligible for credit by exam for PLAN 7708 Planning Practice

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In Collaboration with:



And the ten municipalities of the Simeto River Valley:

