

## CLAS349: Salapia Exploration Project: Summer 2018

**Who:** Dr. Darian Marie Totten and McGill University students enrolled in the course.  
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**What:** Excavation of a Roman port and town of Salapia, whose occupation dates from the 1<sup>st</sup> c. BCE to the Middle Ages. This excavation is run as a field school, to train students with little to no experience in archaeology how to dig, collect artifacts, record site features, and perform laboratory methods associated with archaeological fieldwork. There will also be opportunities, depending on research agendas for the season, to participate in magnetometry survey and field survey. We will also have a geomorphologist with us for two weeks, so students can observe the work she is doing as well. No prior field experience or coursework in Classics is required.

There will be weekly seminars on assigned readings where students will discuss how we move from archaeological excavation to archaeological interpretation. Topics include: field methods; artifacts and interpretation; ports in the Roman world; economy and society in the Roman empire; Roman city life.

**Where:** The Salpi Lagoon, Adriatic Coast, Region of Puglia. The site is located along the coast, near a nature preserve for flamingoes and other sea birds. The remains of the city lie beneath grain fields and other agricultural land. The Gargano Mountain can be seen in the distance.

We live in the town of Trinitapoli, about 5 miles from the site. At present, the fees cover accommodation for students in shared apartments of four students. It also includes the cost of meals (breakfast-lunch-dinner M-R and breakfast-lunch M-F).

Although this is a small town, one of its ice-cream shops was voted best in Italy in 2013!

**When:** 18 June- 27 July 2018 (6 weeks).

Students should arrive to Trinitapoli the Sunday, before the dig starts and be ready to dig on that following Monday. Many flights will arrive to Rome, and from Rome students can take a high-speed train to Barletta, for connection via local train to Trinitapoli. If you will arrive to a different Italian airport, we can discuss transportation options.

**Why:** You want to learn how to excavate. You want to have a unique abroad experience. You want to live and work in Italy, and learn of its archaeological patrimony at first hand. You want to explore an ancient Roman city. You want to learn about the daily lives and material culture of ancient Romans.

**How: Program details**

Students enroll in CLAS349: Archaeology Fieldwork in Italy.

**This is a three-credit course.** You must pay the cost of these summer credit (costs vary depending on your status: Quebec resident, Canadian resident, international student).

**Enrollment in the course is limited to 12 students, and is by permission only.** Interested students should ask Prof. Totten for an application via email. Application will include a short essay explaining motivations for participation, the brief recommendation of a faculty member who knows you, and a brief interview with Prof. Totten either in office hours or via Skype.

**There is also a program fee of CAD\$2660.96.** This fee covers expenses for:

- Daily transport M-F to the dig site from Trinitapoli.
- Food during the week (breakfast-lunch-dinner M-R, and breakfast-lunch M-F)
  - \*students are responsible for their own food F evening and weekends
- Tools, drawing supplies and other materials for working on site
- Expenses for professor's travel to-from Italy and Puglia, lodging.

If accepted to the course, **a small *non-refundable* deposit of \$300 is required upon enrollment and paid on 30 March 2018.** The fee must be paid in full by **April 27.**

This price **DOES NOT** include airfare to/from Italy. Prices for airfares will vary depending on your point of departure, but can be between CAD\$800-1000, or even more. If you are leaving from less-connected hubs in the USA, you might pay even more still. Once you know you will be on the program, it is advisable to start looking for and purchasing tickets. It can be possible to find really good deals on summer fares if you look early.

Students are also responsible for their own transport costs within Italy (from Rome is easiest) to arrive in Puglia. This does not include health or travel insurance costs. Students should plan to have a travel health insurance policy, as required by the Italian state authorities, in the case of accident or illness.

This fee also does not include weekend travel to sites in Puglia and elsewhere in southern Italy. Students are encouraged to travel to explore the sites, museums and landscapes of this place. I am happy to offer my time to travel to places like the Bay of Naples (to see Pompeii and Herculaneum) or other sites of interests. But costs for trains, hotel stays and museum tickets are not covered by the program fee. Students who want to travel should also budget for these weekend expenses.

**Chart of Key Dates**

19 February 2018	Applications for course due
1 March 2018	Outcome of application communicated.
30 March 2018	Non-refundable deposit of \$300 due. Students must also register for the course.
**By 27 April 2018	Fees to be paid in full.