For thousands of years the Mediterranean has been front and center in times of political strife and cooperation. Today, issues such as the Arab Spring and the ensuing turmoil in Northern Africa and the Middle East, the migrant crisis, economic development and climate change concerns make the area once again central to international affairs. For decades Italy has been the epicenter of European strategic approaches to the Mediterranean.

In this course we will explore these issues through a 3-week program “on the ground” in Rome, the capital of Italy and a center of European Union institutions and think tanks specializing in Mediterranean issues, and Bari, the capital of Puglia, a Southern Italian region which has been particularly involved in cultural and commercial exchanges within the Mediterranean. The program is developed in cooperation with LUISS University, a UNM partner in Italy and a leading institution of political and economic studies.

In-class sessions (Monday-Thursday) at the beautiful LUISS campus located in the upscale Parioli district of Rome will include meetings with Italian Government & International Organization officers, Mediterranean Affairs scholars and other experts and institutions.

Students will acquire a first-hand understanding of the complex strategic policy issues concerning North-South relations in the Mediterranean, while enjoying the host cities, as well as other parts of Italy and its beautiful beaches. The accompanying UNM faculty is a native of Rome who has worked and lived in Rome and Puglia for years.

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