EXPLORING THE DOLOMITES

Students will earn 6 credits.
2-week program plus 4 pre-departure sessions.
Interdisciplinary course, with upper-division UO credits applicable toward majors in Romance Languages (Italian, French and Spanish), German Studies, History, International Studies, Environmental Studies, and Comparative Literature. Elective credits applicable also in a variety of disciplines including Geography and Earth Sciences.
The course is taught in English. Students doing their readings and projects in Italian, French of Spanish will get their 300 or 400 level credits in the respective languages.

FIELD SEMINAR
August 31-September 13, 2020

Students can choose to focus on one of the following 2 areas of study utilizing different critical and disciplinary approaches:

1) Landscape, History, Literature and Folklore;
2) Geology, ecology and photography.

*Application Deadlines: Priority: Jan. 15 /Final: Feb. 15
* Scholarships available
*Info Session, January 13th at 4:00pm in Tykeson 460

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This unique travel/study-field seminar features a wide-ranging exploration of the Dolomites, recently designated as World Heritage Site by the UNESCO for the distinctive variety of their morphology, geology and landscape.
Requirements and Homework Policy

- Mandatory pre-departure Introduction to the Field seminar in May 2020 (4 classes 2 hours each)
- Conscious and respectful participation to the various activities: 30%
- 1 Reading Report to be decided with the teacher (4 pages): 20%
- Daily reflective Journal: 25%
- Final Project: 25%  Students may choose one of the following: 1) an extension of the journal; 2) a curated photo blog; 3) a Story Map Digital Project; 4) one 10 pages paper to be discussed with the instructor.

The assignments are due two weeks after the end of the seminar on September 27.

HIGHLIGHTS

These spectacular and monumental mountains retain traces of extraordinary interest for disciplines such as Geology, Paleogeography, Geomorphology and Paleontology. As the theater of some of the most extreme battles of WWI, they preserve a vivid and painful memory of the Great War that changed forever world history and altered the borders of many countries including Italy and Austria.

GEOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL TRAILS
The botanical path Dos Capel - Gardonè presents an extraordinary blossom of rhododendron, wood anemones, stone-breaks, gentians, green alders and juniper bushes. Latemar’s rocks and fossils in the Geological Trail from Passo Feudo tell the tale of a tropical sea and large volcanoes in the area that is now the Dolomites.

ARCHEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL MUSEUMS:
The “Rinaldo Zardini” Palaeontological Museum in Cortina houses one of the most significant collections of fossils that exists anywhere today. The permanent exhibition at the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano, Italy includes Ötzi the Iceman: a mummy from the Copper Age, 5300 years old.

TRENCHES AND TUNNELS OF WW1, OPEN AIR MUSEUMS, SEMINARS AT THE UNIBZ
The Lagazuoi tunnels constitute a complex, a total of 11 tunnels excavated during World War I in an area that was on the Austrian-Italian border. We will also visit the Open air Museum of the 5 Torri - Passo Falzarego and attend seminars at the UNIBZ.