Architecture Study Abroad
VICENZA, ITALY
Spring Term 2022
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Location:
Vicenza is an Italian town of 120,000 people in the Veneto region of Italy. Located along the Bacchiglione River just south of the pre Alps, it lies 60 kilometers west of Venice and about the same distance east of Verona. The home of Andrea Palladio, the great Italian Renaissance architect, it is the site of many of his major works: the basilica, numerous palazzi, the Teatro Olimpico, and the nearby Villa Rotonda. In the Veneto are a large number of Renaissance villas, many by Palladio. The work of Carlo Scarpa is centered in the Veneto with projects in Verona, Possagno, Altivole and Venice. The location is ideal for studying contemporary architecture as well. Excursions are included to Switzerland, Austria and Liechtenstein to see the work of Zumthor, Snozzi and Galfetti, and to Venice to see projects by Cino Zucci, Vittorio Gregotti and Tadao Ando. Vicenza is characteristic of Italian towns with a walkable historic center featuring a hierarchy of streets and piazzas and an intact building fabric. The studio and student housing are located directly in the center, providing the opportunity for focused study in a rich context, complemented by travel opportunities throughout the region.

Studio Project:
The design project will be a civic building immediately adjacent to the Basilica Palladiana, in the center of vicenza, challenging students to design new structures in a strong historical context. The project will require the examination of precedents in the region, analysis of the spatial structure of the city and the formulation of a design proposal that shapes both the building and the surrounding public space.

Course Offerings:
Arch 484/584: Design Studio (6 credits)
ARCH 407/507: Town Form: the Piazza (4 credits)
Arch 407/507: Material and Detail: Evocations of Time and Place (4 credits)
Arch 408/508: Travel Journal and Study Guide (2 credits)

Program Structure and Fees:
The program begins in Rome with a two-week study tour that includes Siena, Florence and Bologna before taking up residence for eight weeks in Vicenza. The program fee includes tuition, housing, two meals per weekday in Vicenza, an overnight excursion to Switzerland, and day trips within the region. Students will have the opportunity to travel on their own before reporting to Rome, plus weekend travel in the Veneto.

Dates: April 10th – June 29th, 2022

Program materials and applications now available on line:
Geo.uoregon.edu

The priority deadline for submittal is October 15, 2021. Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2021. Questions may be directed to the instructors: jyoung@uoregon.edu, jgivens@uoregon.edu, and dcorner@uoregon.edu; or GEO Program Coordinator Kerby Boschee (kboschee@uoregon.edu).