This trip costs $xxxx and includes: airfare, transportation, accommodations, most meals and group activities. Out-of-pocket expenses include: passport, personal spending money, some meals, souvenirs or extra activities.

**ACTIVITIES**

- Cultural tours, and city sight seeing
- Attend professional sporting events
- Soccer stadium tour
- Playing soccer matches against local club teams
- Other sporting activities…

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Students will share a room with two or three other students. Hotels will be 3-star or better. Continental breakfasts will be served at our hotels daily. We will have some group dinners; you will have the freedom to go out for other dinners. Lunch is on your own.

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**ITALIAN SPORT AND CULTURE**

Mike Stehlik
Interim Experience 2011
NDL 210

January 3 – 7 on campus
January 10 – 26 Italy Travel
Italian Sport and Culture Overview

Western culture and sport can trace their origins to Italy. Through a variety of learning opportunities—playing soccer, discussions with experts on sport, history and culture, readings that prepare us for the experiential parts of the course, and reflective journal writing—we will learn how sport in part defines Italian culture. By visiting with coaches, players, community leaders, and others, and by participating in and viewing a range of sporting events, we will come to appreciate better the interplay between sport and culture.

**LOCATIONS AND ITINERARY**

**Gustavus** – Daily class and training.

**MILAN** – Arrive and meet escort.

**LAKE COMO** – Tour of Como. First game.

**MILAN** – Tour of San Siro Stadium and attend a game.

**SWITZERLAND EXCURSION** – Visit the canton of Ticino with its many resort towns.

**MONTECATINI** – Located in the heart of Tuscany.

**LUCCA** – Renaissance walls surround the city. Wine and olive oil tasting. Second game.

**FLORENCE** – Tour of this famous Renaissance city! Visit Coverciano, the Italian National Training Center.

**SIENA** – A city known for its medieval atmosphere. Game with local team.

**RIMINI** – A seaside resort with several Roman ruins and Renaissance works of art.

**SAN MARINO** – This separate enclave is linked to Italy by a treaty of friendship. Teams play their final games.

**ROME** – Tour of the major sights of the city...the Colosseum, Pantheon, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, the Piazza Navona, the Vatican City, Sistine Chapel, and more..

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- **Prerequisites:** Compliance with stated Interim Experience eligibility policy. A personal statement describing your interests in this course.

- **Comfort with international travel.** Having the ability to travel, work, and learn in a large group.

- **An interest in discussing sport and how it relates to culture, history, political economics, religion and national pride.**

- **An enthusiasm for sport, new places and people.**

- **An ability to play soccer is an advantage as we will play some games. However, game participation is not mandatory nor is it a graded course component.**

- **Grade based on a journal writing project, written book reviews, small group presentation, final paper, quizzes, discussion and participation.**