**Program Snapshot**
- No language prerequisite
- 1 year of Italian language covered
- Local roommates & language partners
- Visiting faculty: Professor Paola Servino
- 12 Brandeis credits
- June 2 - July 27, 2013
- $8,990

**Brandeis, CET, Italy & You**
Brandeis University students have the opportunity to attend the CET Intensive Italian Language in Sicily summer program. This program, based on the idyllic Italian island of Sicily and away from the bustle of mainland tourist activity, is perfect for independent thinkers who want something different out of their study abroad experience. Students dive headfirst into intensive Italian language learning, and language partners and local roommates ensure that language practice continues after class ends.

Many Brandeis students have attended CET Sicily. Brandeis and CET’s longstanding relationship ensure that all credits transfer and that students can jump ahead one year in their Italian language level upon return to campus. For most students credits can be applied toward a major or minor in Italian Studies. Students might also be able to complete a Brandeis foreign language requirement on the program.

**Professor Paola Servino Joins Students in Sicily**
Brandeis professor extraordinaire, Paola Servino, serves as Visiting Faculty in Sicily this summer, her third time in this role. Professor Servino has served as Italian Language Coordinator at Brandeis since 1989. She has authored numerous textbooks and conducted many workshops on the art of Italian language teaching. Her dynamic teaching won her the Louis Brandeis Teaching Award in 1998. Bravissima!

**Curriculum & Credits**
Students enroll in intensive Italian language classes and cover one year of university-level Italian. Language classes are fast-paced and emphasize both the formal language and the language of the streets. A homework assignment might ask students to buy vegetables at the market, interview Sicilians about news headlines or participate in local festivals. All levels of Italian language are offered. 105 hours. 8 credits.

Students also take History & Culture of the Mediterranean. This core course explores the region and traces the interdependence of Mediterranean cultures, religions, political systems, social movements and arts. Academic excursions take students outside the classroom, giving them the chance to see and experience the topics discussed in class. 45 hours. 4 credits.

**Outside the Classroom**
While in Sicily, students call the city of Catania their home. They take all classes at the University of Catania, a historic university founded in 1434. The CET center is housed in a charming, restored university building located in the central town square. After class, students enjoy exploring the Duomo, Roman Amphitheatre, and Bellini Gardens—all within walking distance to the CET center. They might also stroll the many markets, chat with local fishermen at the pescheria (fishmarket) or savor a chocolate almond granita at a local gelateria.
Housing & Meals
CET Sicily students share apartments with Italian roommates. Apartments are centrally located and fully furnished. Meals are not included in the program fee. Many students cook meals with roommates in their apartment kitchens. Some explore the countless local cafés, eateries and restaurants.

Italian Language Partners & Roommates
Each CET Sicily student is partnered with an Italian language partner from the University of Catania. Language partners—part tutors, part friends—meet regularly with CET students. They help students practice what they’ve learned in their classes, only this time without the chalkboard and textbook.

Students also live with with Italian roommates—Catania locals selected by CET for their enthusiasm and commitment to cultural exchange. CET students and their roommates become fast friends, together exploring museums, enjoying movie night and sharing a plate of pasta.

“I was able to learn so much about the region in Italy, and after only 2 months I began to feel at home in the city of Catania. Many other European cities have become too used to Americans and are too globalized, but Catania is a tourist free zone, and allows for Americans to become completely a part of the city. It was by far the most amazing summer of my life, and although Italian is not my main area of study, the experience has given me a lot of perspective, and has made me interested in spending more time abroad in the future.”

– Anna B, Summer 2011 CET Sicily alumna, Brandeis University, review on Abroad101

Program Fee
$8,990

What Is Included
- Tuition & transcript
- Comprehensive medical insurance
- Course materials and/or textbooks
- Online pre-departure information
- Pre-departure advising & orientation webinar
- Arrival day meet & greet
- On-site orientation
- Full-time resident staff
- Apartment with Italian roommate
- Excursions & activities
- Overseas university services
- Visa information packet

What Is Not Included
Program fee does not include transportation to and from Sicily, visa fees, meals, housing deposit, housing outside of program dates, items and services of a personal nature, and all medical expenses not covered by the insurance provided.

Program Dates & Application
Arrive Sicily: June 2, 2013
Depart Sicily: July 27, 2013
Application Deadline: March 15, 2013
Apply Online: www.cetacademicprograms.com

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