

## Agenda for Meeting 2

- 1) **Travel details** – Please send me your arrival details in Italy, so that I know when to expect you in Benevento. Keep in mind alternative trains in case your flight gets delayed.
  - a. It is better that you purchase the train ticket from the airport (Fiumicino Aeroporto) to Roma Termini after you arrive in Rome.
  - b. On the other hand, it is better to purchase the ticket from Roma Termini to Benevento right away. Use [Trenitalia.com](https://www.trenitalia.com) – the official site. **Make sure there that you do not have to change trains – many times this is a disaster.**
- 2) **Passport details** – To get lodging in EU for a foreign national, passport details are required. *I have to send your full name as in the passport, passport number, date of birth, and citizenship information to the University residence, and to the companies that we will be visiting.*
- 3) **Extra nights** -- If you are going to arrive in Benevento before 13 May or leaving after June 24, let me know.
- 4) **Course registration** – Everybody has permission to register for courses. The CRN numbers for **Math 2360 –160 is 37070** and **Math 3350 –160 is 36778** respectively. If you have applied for study abroad scholarships, they want you to register for courses before they can award money.
- 5) **Money** – the best way to convert money is to use ATMs in Europe. There will be a charge for each use of the ATM - usually a fixed amount (\$5 for my bank), and a variable charge of 6 or 7 cents per euro. I usually withdraw money at Rome airport when I arrive, and that is usually enough to tide me through until I arrive at Benevento. There are plenty of ATMs in Benevento within a few minutes walking distance from the center of town.
- 6) **Phones** – You will be able to use Zoom, Skype, or Whatsapp in Benevento using your phone's wifi. At the University of Sannio in Benevento, you can use your TTU account by logging onto the EDUROAM server. Your login ID will be [ERAIDERID@ttu.edu](mailto:ERAIDERID@ttu.edu) and your password will be your Eraider password. Using the university wifi, you will be able to communicate via Zoom or Skype with friends and family.
  - You will need an **unlocked phone** so that you can use a SIM card purchased in Italy on your phone. Check with your carrier ASAP to find out how to unlock your phone.
  - **Alternatively**, you should contact your phone company and see if you can get roaming while in Italy for 2 months (make sure you understand the charges). Do this ASAP.
  - If you do not have roaming and need to make a call at the airport or train station, then you can buy a telecom card from a TABACCHI (a little convenience store like a 7-Eleven but much smaller). In some places, it is called a TABACCHERIA. Insert the telecom card in the public phone to make a phone call. **DO NOT use your credit card to make a phone call because the charges can be very high (those phone machines can recognize an American credit card).** The minutes you have on the telecom card depends on whether you are making a local call or a long distance call.
- 7) **Complete the mandatory study abroad pre-departure orientation on Blackboard**

The mandatory Study Abroad Office Pre-departure Orientation will be available online on Blackboard in a few days. You will have a month to complete it.
- 8) **Life in Italy is different from life here. Be prepared for:**
  - a. No functioning elevators in airports, train stations, and hotels. This means you should pack light unless you are a Strongman competitor. Don't pack shampoos – they can be very heavy. Hair dryers, curling machines, electric shavers etc. will not work on Italian outlets.

**b. Purchase Type B (two prong) or Type L (three prong) Plug Adapters for Italy.**

- c. Italian breakfast is light consisting of croissants, fruit juice, and coffee. You will have difficulty finding meat for breakfast even in Cafes.
- d. Italians usually have lunch starting at 1 pm. This is their big meal of the day. They take their time with this meal. Dinner starts at 8 pm or later. This is usually a light meal.
- e. The library at UniSannio closes at 7 pm. It is also closed during weekends.
- f. **The internet will not be like here. It will be slower and perhaps spotty. So, start your homework early.** I will assign two homework for each course per week. The first will be assigned on Monday and will be due on Wednesday. The second will be assigned on Wednesday and will be due on Friday.
- g. We will walk a lot – it is easy to reach 10,000+ steps each day. **So, bring good walking shoes.**
- h. Gym memberships are available for a small fee.
- i. You will be carrying coins a lot. **The toilets at Roma Termini (1 Euro) and Benevento station (50 cents) are coin operated.**
- j. Carry a small wad of toilet paper with you at all times! You never know when it will be required – on the plane, on the train, over even at the train station.

9) **Learn some Italian!** On the TTU libraries website, there is a software called Mango, which you can use for free.