

Instructions for meeting the bus in Rome: May 3, 2014

Please meet Helena at **9:15 a.m.** on the Via Marsala end of the Termini main hall. **Helpful Hint:** across the street at that end of the Termini station is a bar called *Trombetta* and above *Trombetta*, there is the Hotel Siracusa. Look for Helena **in the Termini Station**. She will have a sign saying “**Cortona U of A.**” At **9:30**, she will lead the group in the direction of the bus. The bus will stop to load the luggage, but cannot remain parked to wait for any latecomers. Once all the luggage is stowed, departure will be at **10:00** with arrival in Cortona at approximately 12:30 pm. Please try to eat some lunch prior to meeting Helena—the bus driver doesn’t allow eating sandwiches, chips, etc. on the bus. There is a McDonald’s in the train station as well as a number of other options. The bus drivers are usually very fussy about crumbs on their bus. As well, there is no bathroom on the bus, so please ensure you have used one in Termini before meeting Helena. It is **ILLEGAL** to carry your back pack onto the bus. Make sure that you put your backpack underneath in the luggage compartment. Take out what you need for the ride before we meet at Termini.

Those of you who are arriving late (and cannot make the bus) should go the Termini or Tiburtina train station and take an IR train to **Terontola Cortona** (trains are indicated by final destination, in this case Florence or *Firenze*; consult your Orientation Manual for detailed instructions). Trains leave Termini at 1:14pm (13:14), 3:14pm (15:14), 5:14pm (17:14), 7:14pm (19:14) and the same trains pass by Tiburtina ~5 minutes later. The last train to Florence is at 9:14pm (21:14). From **Terontola Cortona**, take a bus or taxi to the Hostel. You can buy a ticket to **Terontola Cortona** at the airport train station, where you also get the ticket for either Termini or Tiburtina. Please contact Helena if you are arriving late: her cell phone is 0039 (from outside of Italy) 340 351 5519.

Orientation in Cortona: May 3, 2014

There will be outdoor walking involved in the orientation, so please dress appropriately. Given the size of the Spring term class, you will be divided into two groups. If your last name begins with the letters **A-L**, you will have your orientation at **3:00 p.m.** If your last name begins with **M-Z**, you will have your orientation at **4:00 p.m.**

Please meet Helena at the steps of City Hall in the main piazza at the appointed time. This will be short walk around the main streets to familiarize you with the town, and to point out places that will be useful (banks, bank machines, post office, internet, train, etc.) and to give you a brief history of Cortona.

After the walk, we will go to St. Agostino (the place where classes are held) for further questions and general discussion about class trips, etc. Afterwards, you will have the rest of the day to explore the town and settle into your accommodations.