Sorrento is a real haven of peace for study and creativity, and it is not by chance that it has been, for more than three centuries, the destination of international artists, poets and musicians. The town, Torquato Tasso’s birthplace, was also the residence for some time of Wolfgang Goethe, who found here the muse inspiring the composition of his famous "Parsifal", Ibsen who wrote "Ghosts" in Sorrento, Lord Byron, F. Cooper, I. Taine, Giacomo Leopardi, Albert Dumas, Giuseppe Verdi, Oscar Wilde and Friedrik Nietzsche who lived here finding inspiration for extraordinary works.

In Sorrento the students will have the option of being immersed for four weeks in an intensive cultural program studying two film studies courses: LTIT 270 (Survey in Italian Cinema) and LTIT 370 (Fellini: A Born Liar). The seminar format will enable students to participate actively in the analysis of the films, and consider the historical and contemporary cultural context in which they are presented. Through these courses of study, students will have the opportunity to explore and study topics of Italian culture through cinema that are particularly interesting for them. The program will provide also three (3) guided tours: Archaeological Museum of Naples, Pompeii, and Amalfi Coast.

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To Apply:

Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, http://international.cofc.edu, or picked up in the CIE office in the Multicultural Center, 207 Calhoun St. All applications must be submitted to Gabriela Peschiera, Assistant Director, Center for International Education, peschierag@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.

The Program fee of **$4,480* includes a non-refundable $50 application fee, round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation, two meals a day, medical insurance, and entrances into sites. TUITION FOR THE COURSES IS NOT INCLUDED.

Application deadline is **March 1, 2014**. Deposit of $550 will be posted to the student’s MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to $1500 are available to CofC students for study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial aid and academic merit.