

U-SOA Rome Program — Fall 2026 & Spring 2027

Live, learn, and design in the Eternal City.

The University of Miami School of Architecture invites a select group of top-tier, honors-level students to apply for the Rome Program — a transformative semester-long residency in the heart of one of the world's greatest cities for architecture, history, and design. Founded in 1991, this program offers a rigorous, in-situ curriculum where Rome itself becomes the primary classroom.

Guided by distinguished faculty and respected local professionals, students explore Italy's architectural heritage and contemporary urban challenges through in-situ design studios, specialized seminars, site visits, and field trips.

Academic Experience

Curriculum Highlights (18 Credits)

- Rome-based design studio for advanced architectural work
- Electives in drawing, art, architectural history, theory, and urbanism
- Specialized workshops and short intensive seminars
- Field trips to major Italian cities and cultural sites
- Guided walking tours that integrate history, urban analysis, and design methodology

Why Rome?

- Learn architecture in a living laboratory of urban history
- Immerse yourself in Italian culture, language, and daily life
- Travel across Italy as part of your academic experience
- Build lifelong friendships and professional connections

Learning Environment

The U-SOA Rome Center, located in the historic center and within walking distance of St. Peter's Basilica, offers:

- Studio workstations and collaborative spaces
- Reference library and critique area
- Lecture room
- Wireless service
- Printers/Scanner

The center operates as a **bring-your-own-device facility**; students are required to bring their own laptops.

Application & Selection

- Eligibility: Honors-level, upper-year architecture students in good academic standing.
- Selection: Based on GPA, portfolio, and (if requested) an interview.
- Application Deadline: **Wednesday, January 7, 2026** for both Fall 2026 and Spring 2027.
- Applications must be submitted via the **UM Study Abroad Portal**.
<https://goabroad.miami.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10349>

Rome Awards

Limited financial awards are available for accepted students, based on demonstrated need. Students may apply for a Rome Award after acceptance by submitting a one-page letter of need (including all current sources of aid) to Program Director Carmen Guerrero. Awards are applied to student accounts and may not be used toward the Rome Program Fee.

Program Costs

- Tuition: \$31,728.10 (subject to change; based on 2025–26 academic year rates)
- Rome Program Fee: \$3,800 — due in full 90 days before semester start; covers all field trip and site visit transportation, lodging, and entrance fees (urban transit not included).

Estimated Additional Expenses:

- \$4,850 Lodging
- \$4,680 Meals (\$39/day x 120 days)
- \$1,250 Round-trip airfare Miami–Rome
- \$120 Cash-only site visits (paid on orientation day in local currency)
- \$56 Long-stay visa (subject to change)
- \$200 AXA international health insurance (unless proof of unlimited coverage is provided)
- **Waived UM Fees:** Activity Fee, Student Center Complex Fee, Wellness Center Fee, Student Health & Counseling Fee, Athletic Fee.

Housing

Students are responsible for securing their own housing in Rome, living in groups of at least two for safety. Housing must be approved by the Rome Director before commitments are made. A list of suggested rental agencies will be provided, but students may use other options.

Travel & Arrival

Students must comply with all UM International Travel Policies, including registering itineraries with International SOS and (if U.S. citizens) the U.S. State Department STEP program.

Most arrivals are via Rome's Fiumicino (FCO) airport, also known as Leonardo da Vinci. Options for transport into the city include train, shuttle, private car service, or official taxis. Students should be aware of common travel scams and follow safety guidelines.

Program Policies

- **Attendance** at all classes, site visits, and field trips is mandatory.
- **Field trips** are integral to the curriculum; students travel together on all excursions.
- Personal travel should be planned before or after the semester, or only when coursework is unaffected.
- Friends and family may join walking tours but must arrange and pay for their own transportation and entrances.
- Students must read and sign the program disclaimer regarding field trips.

Preparing for Rome

Required Supplies: Laptop, sketchbooks, drawing materials, foldable stool, tracing paper, tape measure, drafting tape, comfortable walking shoes, rain gear, writable media, cell phone.

Clothing: Layered, season-appropriate attire; respectful dress for sacred sites.

Health: Students must have adequate health insurance and bring prescription medications in labeled containers.

Financial Planning: Students are advised to arrive with at least €200–400 in cash and to consult their bank about international fees and card usage.

Living in Rome: Students will shop in local markets, navigate Italian dining customs, and adapt to cultural differences in daily life.

Professional Conduct

As representatives of the University of Miami, students must demonstrate respect for Italian traditions and laws at all times. Misconduct — including public intoxication, drug use, vandalism, or behavior that jeopardizes the program — will result in immediate expulsion with academic and financial consequences.

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