U-SOA ROME PROGRAM
FALL 2024 SEPTEMBER 4-DECEMBER 11/ SPRING 2025 JANUARY 20-MAY 7

The University of Miami School of Architecture sponsors fall and spring semesters abroad in Rome, Italy. Founded in 1999, the Rome Program brings together a select group of upper-level students, faculty members and local professionals for an intensive experience in design, drawing, history and theory of architecture for one academic semester. Expert faculty deliver a specialized and in-situ curriculum inclusive of studios, lectures, work-shops, guided walking tours and field trips.

APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM
Acceptance to the Rome program is based on grade point average, a portfolio and an interview upon request. All applications are to be submitted through the University of Miami Study Abroad Portal no later than January 15, 2024. The portal address and instructions will be provided.

APPLYING FOR THE ROME SCHOLARSHIP
Limited scholarship awards are available and are need-based. If you are interested in applying for a Rome Scholarship Award, please submit a letter of need expressing your situation and also include a list of all the current sources of aid you are receiving. C Numbers and names must be listed at the top of the letter. This letter can be emailed to the Rome Director, Carmen Guerrero, once you receive confirmation that you have been accepted. The Rome Scholarship Awards will be applied towards your student account. More detail about the deadline for these letters will be provided at a later date.

CURRICULUM
The eighteen-credit curriculum includes a Rome-based design studio and elective courses which are focused on special topics such as drawing, art, architecture history, theory and urbanism. In addition, special workshops and short intensive seminars may complement the core curriculum.

EXPENSES
$29,052.00 Tuition

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM EXPENSES
$ 3,000.00 Rome Program Fee

OTHER ESTIMATED OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES
$ 4,850.00 Lodging
$ 4,680.00 Rome Meals ($39.00 per day) based on 120 days
$ 1,250.00 Round Trip Air Fare: Miami to Rome
$ 54.00 Long Stay Visa- TBA
$ 200.00 AXA international health insurance (required)

PROGRAM FEES
A fee in the amount of $3,000.00 per student will be collected by the University’s central administration. This charge will be reflected in the student’s Canelink account. This fee not only secures your position in the Program, but also funds all of the expenses related to the field trips and site visits included in the Rome curriculum. The fee will cover each student’s transportation, lodging and entrance tickets during both day and overnight field trips. Urban metro/bus/tram tickets are not included in this fee.

AS A ROME STUDENT, THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITY FEES WILL BE WAIVED FROM THE STUDENT ACCOUNTS:
Activity Fee, Student Center Complex Fee, Wellness Center Fee, Student Health & Counseling Centers Fee & Athletic Fee

U-SOA ROME CENTER
The U-SOA Rome Center is located in the historic center of Rome within walking distance of St. Peter’s Basilica. The studio is equipped with a reference library, exhibition and lecture space, workstations, wireless internet access, and scanning & printing equipment. The Rome Center is a bring your own device facility requiring students to use their own laptops. Information on the Center’s technology resources will be provided in a separate document. The Rome Center address is Via del Falco 1/A, Rome, Italy 00193

STUDENT HOUSING
Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements in Rome. A suggested list of rental agencies is included at the end of this packet. Rome Director will assign a student coordinator for the housing communications between the student groups and the Director.
WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

UM INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL POLICIES
All students and faculty going to Rome must follow all University of Miami International Travel Registration Policies regarding student travel abroad. Please refer to this checklist prior to travel:

1. The University has a partnership with an International Travel management company, International SOS. All faculty and students must register their full itineraries on the following site: https://www.internationalsos.com/MasterPortal/default.aspx?membnum=11BCAS786599
   See Intro video: https://vimeo.com/144562058

2. Your trip must also be registered on the UM study abroad site. Once notified by the University of Miami’s Study Abroad Office that you have a profile created, please visit https://goabroad.miami.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Security.LoginWizardStepOne and click on “Log in with CANeID” where you will be able to log in using your CANeID. Please answer the required materials relating to your profile and trip. The one item in the materials tab, “Intl. Travel - Student International Travel Policy Compliance,” will be checked off after you complete the Intl. SOS registration indicated in step 1 by the Study Abroad Office.

3. All students and faculty who are US Citizens are required to register their trip individually with the U.S. State Department at https://step.state.gov/step/ and non-U.S. citizens should contact the embassy or consulate of their country of citizenship for procedures to register their trip abroad.

ARRIVING IN ROME
Most of you will be arriving in Rome via plane or train. The main airport is the “Leonardo da Vinci,” also known as “Fiumicino” or FCO as it is in the town of Fiumicino located approximately 25 kilometers southwest of the city. After claiming your baggage and going through customs, go to the front of the airport (outside) and take the pedestrian walkway above street level and purchase a train ticket to Rome on the FM-1 train getting off at either Stazione Ostiense (Piramide) or Trastevere. You can also take the Leonardo da Vinci Express train which brings you to Termini Station in the center of Rome. This station allows you to connect with the city’s metro system. Verify your destination in Rome prior to selecting your mode of transport from the airport. It’s a good idea to have a few Euro coins when you arrive for a luggage trolley and a metro pass.

If you choose to take a taxi from the airport to your lodging avoid “Gypsy cabs” soliciting inside the airport. Take your bags to the front of the airport terminal, where you can get a metered yellow cab at the official TAXI stand. Ask how much the fare will be beforehand, and how much he/she will charge you for additional baggage (a ride from the airport to the “centro” shouldn’t cost more than 50 Euros). Plan to pay in cash, not with traveler’s checks.

Upon arriving, if you don’t trust your Italian language skills write the name and address of your destination on a piece of paper and hand it to the taxi driver. Tipping taxi drivers is not required.

In addition, there is a shuttle service that can pick you up at the airport in Rome. You may reserve and pay for the shuttle in advance online. http://www.initaly.com/regions/latium/ciamshuttle.htm

Prices for the shuttle vary, depending on the time of transfer as well as the number of passengers in your group. Average price for one person between 6:30 am and 9:00 pm is approximately 29 Euros. See the link above for group pricing packages and after-hours pricing.

Private car and driver (€25+ per person). For LESS money than a taxi, you can have a driver waiting at the exit from Customs at FCO or at your door in Rome. Prices start at €48 for two people. Some popular services include: www.romecabs.com and www.romeshuttlelimousine.com. Ask per mail for an offer. Private car services usually charge more if there are more than two people in the group, so the service may or may not be cheaper than the train. A private driver is often cheaper than a taxi.

ROME CENTER
The U-SOA Rome Center is located in the historic center of Rome within minutes’ walk of the Vatican and Piazza San Pietro. The address is University of Miami Rome Center, Via del Falco #1/A, Rome, Italy 00193. (011) 39.06.68802870 (Phone)

The Rome Center is a bring your own device instructional space. Please make sure to bring your laptops. Other facilities-related information will be presented at the orientation session on the first day of class.

ROME PROGRAM POLICIES
During the course of the semester, while classes are ongoing, students are not to schedule any personal travel unless class participation and/or coursework is not compromised. We recommend that you schedule personal trips before the semester begins or after the semester in Rome ends. You may have a weekend or a few days during the semester during which you may travel if the coursework permits, but the planning of these will likely be impromptu. Due to reasons outside of our control, classes and site visits might have to be rescheduled to take place during a weekend, therefore, it is best to not plan any personal excursion during the course of the semester, unless it can be cancelled. Attendance to all class sessions and field trips is mandatory.

Field trips are mandatory and are an important part of the Rome curriculum. It is mandatory that students and faculty travel together on all field trips. Trip arrangements are made in advance of the semester start date. You are expected to follow the itineraries provided. In the case of an emergency please discuss with the faculty on the ground. Although we do welcome family and friends during our walking tours, we cannot coordinate or purchase transportation services or site entrances for them. If they would like to join the group on a site
visit, they are responsible to book and purchase their own tickets. For all out of town field trips, in the event that friends and family would like to join, they must make their own arrangements for lodging and transportation. There is no guarantee that they will be admitted to the sites we visit. If for reasons of medical or personal emergency you do not attend any of the program excursions, you must coordinate the makeup work with the faculty.

Each student will be responsible to purchase their own Rome (local) metro tickets/passes as needed, during the course of the semester. Although most all of the tours in Rome will be done by walking, students sometimes opt to travel by metro or tram to the meeting points.

**WHAT TO BRING**

Be conservative in the amount of clothing, supplies and other items you choose to bring to Rome, but remember that if there is anything that you must have while there, bring it with you. Bring only as much luggage as you can carry by yourself. Choose luggage, purses and camera bags that are sturdy and have locks or firm closures. Pickpockets are common. Bags with long straps which can cross over your body are recommended.

**BOOKS AND SUPPLIES**

You are responsible for purchasing the books and texts on the “Required Books” list as well as the items on the “Required Supplies” list prior to your first day of class. “Ditta Poggi” is a well-stocked art supply store with two locations in the city center.

**REQUIRED BOOKS**

Please refer to the course information sheet provided by the Director.

**RECOMMENDED READINGS TO PREPARE FOR ROME**


**ACCESS TO BOX STORAGE FOR THE ROME PROGRAM**

Course resources and project files will be uploaded to the new BOX storage system. The site address is: Box.miami.edu. You may use your CANE ID credentials for access.

**REQUIRED SUPPLIES**

1. A foldable laminated map of Rome that is inclusive of northern Roman
2. Laptop
3. Sketchbooks/notebook (not smaller than 5 x 7), minimum of 3 sketchbooks will be needed.
4. Drawing pencils/erasers
5. Compass/Divider
6. Watercolor paints and brushes
7. Tracing paper- one roll per student
8. Tape measure
9. Drafting Tape
10. Comfortable walking shoes
11. Rain gear- foldable rain jacket/rain shoes/umbrella
12.Writable Media (Flash Drives/DVDs)
13. Cell Phone

Check your individual course syllabus for additional items. Art supplies are available in Rome, but often brands and sizes vary from those found in the U.S. Paints and some papers tend to be more expensive (mylar, for example), while some items may simply not be available (such as “trace”).
CLOTHING
The weather in Rome during your stay will vary -- cold in winter; cool in late winter, early spring and late autumn; and warm to hot in late spring, summer and early autumn. You should plan on bringing clothing which you can layer for warmth while it is still cold, but which will also work well as the temperature rises. Remember that Romans tend to dress more formally than most Americans do. At times standard attire of shorts, t-shirts and sandals will not be appropriate (when visiting churches, for example). Keep this in mind as you pack and remember to bring adequate warm weather clothing which shows respect for the customs of the host country.

MEDICATION, COSMETICS, ETC.
Some cosmetics, shampoos and other over-the-counter drug items available in the U.S. are also available in Rome. When not available, for many there will be comparable Italian items (many American-type deodorants and hand lotions, however, are simply not available). For prescription items such as glasses, contact lenses and medications, bring copies of your prescriptions in case of damage or loss, and provide both the brand and generic names of drugs. Don’t plan on being able to easily find a prescription drug which you need regularly. Bring a full supply and have the prescription as a back-up only. Bring all prescription drugs in labeled containers.

RECOMMENDED PERSONAL ITEMS TO BRING
(Washable clothing) Jeans/corduroys, shirts/turtlenecks (to layer), sweaters (cotton/wool, to layer), coat or jacket (for warmth), lightweight raincoat or umbrella, two pairs of shoes (comfortable for lots of walking), underwear, something to sleep in, bathrobe or cover-up/sweats, slippers, one dressy outfit, shorts/bathing suit.

Some hairdryers, travel irons, etc. may function adequately in Italy, as they are already equipped with a dual voltage converter (American electric current is 110, while Italian is 220). In any case, you will need a plug adapter which we suggest you purchase before departure. The Rome Center is equipped with US electrical outlets which you will be able to plug right into, however, you may need more than one depending on the electronic gadgets you will use, therefore, bring extra adapters.

VALUABLES
We recommend that you do not carry around large sums of money or traveler’s checks, passports, or airline tickets. Make photocopies of passports to keep in your wallet; keep tickets and travelers checks in a safe place and in the hotel’s safe if you are travelling. Remember to keep your register of traveler’s checks in a separate place.

LIVING IN ROME

MONEY
The amount of spending money required for a semester stay in Rome will vary from person to person depending upon extra travel plans, eating preferences, and other personal expenses.

For meals, an average planning figure of $27.00 a day can be used—which does not include any restaurant meals. (Most students occasionally eat in restaurants where an inexpensive meal costs between 8-10 euros). Provide a backup, in case your eating habits change as you become accustomed to a new eating pattern and diet.

We recommend that you purchase at least $200.00-$400.00 worth of euros (cash) before you leave the U.S. to have on hand when you arrive in Rome for incidentals, to sustain you through an evening or weekend following your arrival. Contact your bank about ordering euros in advance (most do not keep a large supply on hand) and ask for a range of denominations including a number of small bills. You may also use your USA debit card to withdraw money from ATM machines in Rome, however, please check with your bank on the international fees that you will incur.

In Rome currency exchange can be executed at a bank or exchange office. This is often time-consuming and banks have limited hours, so plan ahead! Exchange rates will vary slightly and there might be a small service charge. Since the value of the dollar fluctuates, you may want to exchange your money at various intervals throughout the semester.

FAQ: How do I take money to Rome, should I take, cash in euros?
It is recommended to have money in different formats, some cash in Euros for arrival (perhaps 200 euros) credit cards, and debit cards. There are many ATM machines in Rome where you can use your USA ATM card and the money comes out of the machine in Euros. Please check with your local bank to let them know you will be withdrawing money from abroad. Recently debit and credit cards with contactless methods are accepted in Rome.

Please inform your bank linked to your debit and credit cards that you will be abroad for the semester. Be aware there are maximum daily withdrawal limits from the ATM machines abroad.

FAQ: Where can I buy Euros in Miami?
You can order Euros from your bank or purchase them from currency exchange offices. Banks require advance notice for foreign currency orders.
FOOD
Rome's numerous open-air markets such as the one at Campo dei Fiori sell fresh fruit and vegetables as well as some cheeses and meats. Markets are generally open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to about 1:30 p.m. Food stores or “alimentari” are a good source of dry goods, canned foods, cheeses, meats, drinks, and various specialty foods. Note that alimentari don’t usually sell fresh bread (sold in a “forno” or bakery) or fresh milk (sold in a “latteria” or daily products shop, often combined with a bar). Supermarkets such as Carrefour, Coop and PAM are well stocked and have several locations throughout the center of Rome.

For breakfast and lunch, the easiest and most economical meals can be had by either purchasing food for picnicking or at one of the many bars where we can purchase “cornetti” (croissants) and other pastries, pizza and “panini” or “tramezzini” (sandwiches). For more information regarding where to purchase food, shop and restaurant hours and addresses, please see Rome Orientation Information.

Please note that in Italian bars the customer is expected to pay the cashier before ordering and is expected to eat standing up. If you prefer to sit down, a waiter will come to take your order and you will pay when your order arrives. Food served at a table usually costs twice as much as that consumed at the bar counter.

For dinner one option is the numerous low-cost restaurants or “trattorie” to be found in Rome. Check menus for prices before taking a table. A typical full Italian dinner consists of an “antipasto”, a “primo” (first course of pasta or soup), a “secondo” (fish, chicken or meat), followed by a “contorno” (vegetable or salad) and a dessert of pastry, ice cream or fruit and cheese. (You are not obliged to eat the entire meal which can be quite an undertaking). Other possibilities for both lunch and dinner include “pizza rustica” where one can purchase all kinds of pizza by the slice (cost based on weight -per 100 grams) or roast chicken as well as a “tavola calda” where various cold and hot dishes are served cafeteria style. Tipping is not required in Italy, but if you had a very enjoyable experience, you are more than welcome to tip.

HEALTH CARE
Your university student health plan may not provide coverage for routine doctor’s visits. For routine medical visits you may contract with insurance companies that are tailored for students studying abroad, or you may check your family’s medical benefits under their policies. Check your benefits under the Student Health plan before you depart. Additionally, The University of Miami has negotiated a plan with CISI insurance. For more information, visit this link: https://studyabroad.miami.edu/_assets/pdf/cisi-umiami-brochure-coverage.pdf

MAIL
Italian mail tends to be slow and erratic. The Vatican Post, however, is much more reliable and costs the same. (Mail can be sent but not received through the Vatican Post). Your friends and family may write to you in care of the University of Miami Rome Center, Via del Falco #1/1A, Rome, Italy 00193. All letters should be marked AIR MAIL or they will take much longer to reach you. Letters from the U.S. usually arrive in Rome in 10 to 20 days. Outgoing mail to the U.S. via Vatican Post takes considerably less time - arriving in the U.S. in 5 to 10 days (while via Italian Post it arrives in 2 to 3 weeks!). Again, mark all your letters mailed from Italy VIA AEREA.

POLICE AND DRUG LAWS
Be prepared for the presence of military and civil police in Italy. The increased activity of terrorist groups throughout Europe in recent years has resulted in an intensification of security measures, which can make life difficult for the traveler. Heavily armed police
will be found on guard at train stations, post offices, embassies, consulates, banks, and various government institutions. Leave them alone. Be aware that taking photographs of government buildings (including post offices) can result in your arrest.

Do not, under any circumstance, bring illegal drugs with you. Italian drug laws are very stringent. If you are arrested for importing, buying, or possessing, selling, or using illegal drugs in Italy, there is nothing the University of Miami or the American Embassy can do for you. Do not risk implicating your fellow students or risking a stay in an Italian jail.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

We recommend students purchase a cellular phone, or an Italian SIM card upon arrival. You may also check with your local cell phone provider international service abroad. Cell phones and wireless cards can be purchased at any Vodafone, Centro TIM or WIND retail outlets. WhatsApp will be used almost daily as a form of communications between faculty and students.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Walking is by far the best way to see the city but remember that although Rome is gradually banning vehicles in certain areas, pedestrians must always be alert when crossing streets and “piazza.”

Bus travel is fairly inexpensive. Students may purchase individual bus tickets or a monthly bus pass for unlimited rides, both of which are available at “tabacchi”, many newsstands, and bus “kiosks.”

Train travel is limited, but is also available. Depending on the destination, this may be the cheaper option compared to a cab, or the faster option compared to the bus. You may purchase a train ticket at the stations (The closest station to the studio is “Ottaviano”). Cabs tend to be less expensive than in most parts of the U.S. Uber is also available, but they are considered “luxury car services” so the prices may be higher than cabs.

Bicycles and scooters are available for rental by hour, day or week.

**VISA AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

You must have a valid passport for travel in Italy. If you do not have a passport, or if you have one which needs renewal, do so as soon as possible (processing time 24hours- 2 weeks). To apply for a new US passport or renew your US passport, apply on-line at www.uspassportnow.com. If you are applying for a new passport, you must have the original copy of your birth certificate (with raised embossed seal), a secondary identification (driver’s license), two 2”x 2” identical “passport” pictures, the application, and a check or money order as indicated by “The US Department of State”. For renewal you would need to send the old passport, two 2”x 2” identical pictures, the application and the payment made out to The US Department of State.

More specific instructions for the visa process will be provided in a separate document and in a separate meeting.

While living in Rome we advise you to not to carry your passport to avoid loss or theft. Make a photocopy to keep with you at all times (as well as the name and address of your school & lodging) and leave the passport itself in a safe place. You will, however, need your passport to exchange money and to carry with you on overnight field trips, as it is required for hotel check-ins. Additionally, landlords require you to submit a photocopy of your passport upon arrival. It is recommended that you make several copies of your passport prior to arrival.

**DEPORTMENT**

As a final note, remember at all times that you are a visitor in someone else’s country and a representative of the University of Miami. Italian traditions and customs are different than those in the United States. We urge all of you to remember that we are guests in a host country. In churches, cloisters, and other sacred places, we are allowed to enter as a privilege, not as a right, and should show respect. Within this context we should all have a wonderful time in Rome.

There will be zero tolerance of misbehavior that jeopardizes the curriculum and/or the safety of all members of the program. Any indication of public drunkenness, illegal drug use, vandalism of school or housing premises or any other demonstration of disrespect to the academic and civic community in Rome, will result in immediate expulsion from the program with all of the associated academic and financial consequences.

**HOUSING**

Students will contract directly with housing agencies of their choice for lodging in Rome. Students must receive approval of their housing choices from the Rome Director prior to committing to the any location/agency. Students will live in groups of minimum two individuals, with no student living alone in Rome for safety reasons. In order to provide students with local housing resources a list of agencies can be found at the end of this packet. Students are not limited to the agencies on this list, this is simply a resource shared with the students. Some landlords will require foreign tenants to apply for an Italian fiscal code. Our Rome Program administrative assistant will guide the students with this matter, if it becomes necessary.

Be sure to settle your apartment’s security deposit as per your lease agreement BEFORE arriving in Rome.
Via del Falco 1, 00193, Rome, Italy.
FINDING HOUSING WEBSITES

- Rome Accommodation - https://www.rome-accommodation.net/
• Rental in Rome - https://www.rentalinrome.com/  
• Rome Loft - https://www.romeloft.com/  
• Rome Escape - https://www.romeescape.com/  
• Cross-Pollinate - https://www.cross-pollinate.com/rome/p/1  
• ItalyPerfect - https://www.italyperfect.com/  
• Engel & Völkers - https://www.engelvoelkers.com/en-it/roma/  
• The Best Rent - https://www.thebestrent.it/en/  
• Roman Homes - http://www.romanhomes.com  
• Sleeping Town - http://www.sleepingrome.com

OTHERS

Via Plauto Apartment  
0039 339 750897 phone (whatsapp)  
Email: plauto12rome@gmail.com  
www.vrbo.com/408162

Study Abroad Apartments  
866-509-4443  
Email: ryan@studyabroadapartments.com  
www.studyabroadapartments.com

Romehome di Maria Tecchi  
www.subito.it  
Email: Maria.tecchi@fastwebnet.it  
Emanuele.stangoni@libero.it  
Phone: 333.4227935/3397057132

Roma Rentals SPQR  
Website: http://www.romarentals.net  
Email: josephm@romarentals.com  
Phone: United States Office (213)814-2880  
Rome Office ++348.5690221

IDEC  
Email: info@flatinrome.com fax + 0648976525  
Phone ++0648930557  
http://www.flatinrome.com

GUESTHOUSES

Casa di Santa Brígida  
Tel 39.06.688.92596  
https://casabrigidaroma.it/

Casa Santa Francesca Romana  
Address: via di Vescellari, 61, Roma  
Tel: 39.06.581.2125

Casa Santa Maria alle Fornaci  
Tel: 90.369.367632  
http://www.santamariafornaci.com/

Quod Libet & Casa Martini  
Address: Via Barletta 29 – 00192 Rome, Italy  
Tel: 39.347.1222642 (Consolata)  
39.328.9617400 (Agostino)  
39.347.3355160 (Gianluca)  
Email: info@quodlibetroma.com  
Web: www.quodlibetroma.com

Residenza Madri Pie  
Address: via Alcide de Gasperi, 4 (Cavalleggeri) 00165 Roma  
Tel: 39.06.63.19.67  
Tel: 39.06.63.34.41  
Fax: 39.06.63.19.89  
Web: https://www.albergomadripienoli.it/

Suore Missionaire Pallottine (Women’s only)  
Address: viale delle Mura Aurelia, 7/B, 00165 Roma, Italia  
Tel: 39.06.638.60.58 / 39.06.638.02.89  
Fax: 39.06.393.669.43  
Web: https://www.casamissionariepallottine.it/

Suore Filippini  
Tel: 39.06.635.201  
Fax: 39.06.636347  
Web: https://www.romacasaperferie.it/en.html

Casa San Giuseppe  
Address: vincolo Moroni, 22, 00153 Roma, Italia  
Tel: 39.06.583.33.490  
Fax: 39.06.583.35.754  
E-mail: casasangiuseppe@tiscalinet.it  
Web Page: https://www.casasangiuseppe.it/