

Study abroad in

Fall 2023

ROME

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Depart U.S.: Thursday, August 31
Arrive Rome: Friday, September 1
Orientation and Workshops: Saturday, September 2
Guided City Tour: Sunday, September 3
First Day of Classes: Monday, September 4
Depart Rome: Saturday, November 25

WHY STUDY IN ROME, ITALY

Rome is not only renowned for vestiges of its rich past, but also for its continued influence on modern art and culture, business, fashion, and cuisine. Living and studying in central Rome for 12-weeks next fall puts over 2,000 years of history at your doorstep, including the Colosseum, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Vatican. Be a part of the community, not just a tourist, living in your own Roman apartment or staying with an Italian homestay, walking the same cobblestone paths as Michelangelo and Caravaggio, while enjoying piazzas and pizzas throughout the city. Rome is also in easy reach of other Italian cities such as Milan or Naples and to other European cities by bus, high speed rail and plane.

YOUR PROGRAM INCLUDES

- First night's stay in a twin-bedded en-suite room at a local hotel, including breakfast.
- Accommodation in student apartments (included) or homestays (for a \$1150 supplemental fee). Typically 4-6 students share an apartment with two students sharing each double room. Apartments are fully furnished and include kitchen and laundry access, and WiFi. Two students per homestay where students receive daily breakfast and dinner Monday-Friday, plus weekly laundry service and WiFi.
- Rome travel pass for unlimited travel on the buses, trains & metro in the central zone of Rome for the duration of the program
- Orientation program in Rome consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff, information on safety and security, a local area walking tour, and a welcome dinner
- Half-day guided sightseeing tour of Rome by private bus
- Italian Life and Culture course taught by local faculty consisting of guest lectures focusing on historical, political, economic and cultural aspects of Italy and Rome
- Guided visits to: the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum, Palatine Hill and Roman Forum
- Day trip to Assisi and Orvieto, including round-trip transportation and a guided city walking tour
- Cultural calendar of local events such as walking tours, cooking classes, guided museum visits, and sporting events
- Group farewell dinner
- Access to the wireless-enabled AIFS Student Center and the services of the AIFS Program Coordinator and Student Advisor for information, personal advising/counseling and 24-hour emergency contact service
- Medical insurance policy

FEES

Based on an enrollment of 40-49 participants, the fee per person is \$8,445. For 50 or more participants, the fee per person is \$8,075.

Program fee does not include airfare, optional insurance upgrade, passport or visa fees if applicable, meals other than those listed, personal expenses, any Citrus College tuition or administrative fees, textbooks, additional field trips or excursions required by the faculty and anything not specified.

These fees are guaranteed not to change as a result of fluctuations in the \$ exchange rate.

OPTIONAL TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

An optional Transportation Package is available, consisting of round-trip airfare between Los Angeles and Rome and roundtrip transfers overseas between the airport and housing for \$1225, excluding additional U.S. government- and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (estimated at \$485 and subject to change).

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

An optional 3-day, 2-night excursion to Florence is available for an additional \$595. The excursion includes round-trip transportation by train, two nights' accommodation in twin or triple rooms in a centrally-located hotel on a bed and breakfast basis, reserved entrance with the services of a professional English speaking guide to the Accademia Gallery, Uffizi Gallery and Santa Maria Novella, entrance to the Bargello National Museum and Boboli Garden, a visit to Piazzale Michelangelo, a group dinner and the services of an AIFS representative for the duration of the excursion.

DEADLINE TO APPLY & PAY \$450 DEPOSIT

June 7, 2023

FACULTY & COURSES

Michael Hillman- Lead faculty, Citrus College

Michael Hillman is a professor of Art at Citrus College. Professor Hillman has been an educator and a practicing studio artist for the past 31 years, recently earning a commission to design the Glendora Gold Line Metro Station. His professional career experiences include working for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the J. Paul Getty & with the City of Glendora. Professor Hillman started the Empty Bowl Project at Citrus College and for this was awarded the city of Glendora's Humanitarian Award. Travel has been integral to his learning and teaching. He previously has led groups of students in Italy and taught study abroad students in Florence in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2017, and 2019.

Courses taught by Michael Hillman:

HUM 125 - Italian Civilization (3 units; AA/AS; Citrus C2; Citrus D1; CSU; CSUGE C2; CSUGE D) 54 lecture hours.

Strongly recommended: ENGL 101.

An overview of Italian culture and civilization that considers the historical, political, economic, cultural, and social changes that have formed contemporary Italian society. *Note: HUM 125 is a required course for the Rome fall study abroad program.

ART 103 - Art History and Appreciation - Renaissance to Rococo (3 Units; AA/ AS; Citrus C1; CSU; IGETC 3A; UC; CSUGE C1) 54 lecture hours.

Strongly recommended: ENGL 101.

This course covers the history of western art from the early Renaissance through the Rococo period. This course is concerned with both the history of art and the fundamentals of the appreciation of art.

ART 110 - Introduction to the Visual Arts (3 Units; AA/AS; Citrus C1; CSU; IGETC 3A; UC; CSUGE C1) 36 lecture hours, 72 lab hours.

Strongly recommended: ENGL 101.

A course designed to further the general education of all students. Students will be introduced to the visual arts through aesthetics, critique, history, and by creating art using various mediums.

ART 210 - Art About You: Public Art (3 Units; AA/AS; CSU; UC) 54 lecture hours. Strongly recommended: ENGL 101.

This beginning level art course will focus on art that is about you: home, street, community, transit, galleries and museums. The course will involve extensive use of local public transportation, art museums & galleries, and architecture as resources. Field trips are required. Funding percentage for arts programs, historical and current practices, will also be topics.

Serena Ott- Mt. San Antonio College

Professor Ott has studied Comparative Literature, Italian, French, and German in Italy, France, and Germany. She currently teaches Italian and Latin at Mt. San Antonio College where she also serves as the advisor of the Italian club. Professor Ott is committed to interdisciplinary studies and strives to make learning relevant, engaging, and personally meaningful to students. She is a creative and energetic professor who was recognized as Educator of Distinction in 2014.

Courses taught by Serena Ott:

ITAL 105 : Conversational Italian I (3 Units; AA/AS; Citrus C2; CSU; IGETC 3B; UC; CSUGE C2) Equivalent to: ENGL 291H; 54 lecture hours. Strongly recommended: ENGL 101.

Development of intermediate Italian conversational skills. Emphasis on collaborative activities and practical use of the language. Extensive exposure to Italian culture. Grammar is presented in context.
(3 units)

ITAL 101 - Italian I (5 Units; AA/AS; Citrus C2; CSU; CSUGE C2) 90 lecture hours. Strongly recommended: ENGL 101.

A course in elementary Italian grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation which focuses on understanding, speaking, reading, and writing (including spelling) simple Italian and serves as an introduction to the geography, history, and culture of the Italian-speaking world.

ITAL 102 - Italian II (5 Units; AA/AS; Citrus C2; CSU; CSUGE C2) 90 lecture hours. Strongly recommended: ENGL 101.

A further study of elementary Italian grammar and vocabulary that develops understanding, speaking, reading and writing (including spelling) skills. Affords opportunities to apply communication skills to new social, professional, and travel contexts. Explores the cultural heritage and civilization of Italian speaking countries through technology and level-appropriate readings. The class will be taught primarily in Italian.

ONLINE COURSES

Students may choose to take ONE online education course through the Semester in Rome, Italy program. Students enrolled in online classes study and conduct research independently and need access to the Internet. The student residence and homestay will provide Wi-Fi access but there may be times when it is not available and students will need to seek out Wi-Fi facilities at their own expense. Before beginning your online course, students MUST verify with the instructor that there are no on-campus requirements. Note: late-start classes may delay your financial aid disbursement. AIFS will require payment on usual disbursement dates. For online education course information, search the schedule: <https://www.citruscollege.edu/schedule/>





AIFS REFUND POLICY

All notification of withdrawal must be made in writing via email to customizedfacultyled@aifs.com, by fax or certified mail to: Customized, Faculty-Led Programs, AIFS Study Abroad, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905. The fax number is 203.399.5597. Postmark date, date of email or fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal. All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant or they will not be processed.

If a student withdraws on or before Wednesday, June 7, 2023, a full refund will be made less \$150, plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student withdraws after Wednesday, June 7, 2023, but on or before Friday, July 7, 2023, the \$450 deposit fee is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf. If a student withdraws after July 7, 2023, no refund and the total program fee is due.

Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Rome requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by Crum & Forster Segregated Portfolio Company.

Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge that does not exceed the Hospital's average charge for a semiprivate room.

That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss.

Full details of the coverage are provided to students with their final invoice for payment of the balance of their program fees.

For more information and an application, contact the coordinator on your campus:

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