



ROME, ITALY

Founded in 1962, the Rome campus was originally located on the site of the Olympic Village for the 1960 Summer Games. After relocating three more times, it is today situated in an affluent residential neighborhood on Monte Mario on the Via Massimi. The spacious landscaped campus includes classrooms, a library, a residence hall, chapel, a recreation area, administrative offices, a dining facility and a coffee bar. In addition to hosting full-year and single-semester undergraduate students during the academic year, Loyola sponsors a variety of graduate and undergraduate summer programs. Rome Center classes are taught by members of the Loyola University Chicago faculty as well as expert Italian (or other European) professionals hired on a part-time basis to teach in their fields, supplemented occasionally by faculty from affiliated American institutions.

Student Life: All students are expected to live on campus. Students may live off campus only if they live with relatives [spouse, parents, etc]. Written permission from the Todd W. Waller, associate dean of students, is required for off-campus housing; application for permission to live off campus must be made to him in writing. Students should indicate the full Rome address, telephone number, and the exact relationship of the relatives.

Academics: The Rome Center is a small American undergraduate college in an European setting. It offers students more than 40 academic courses each semester and the opportunity to live together and form a community in a city with considerable cultural and religious importance to the Western World for over 2,000 years. The students are not tourists. Rome is their home for a year or a semester. The Rome Center is a campus of Loyola University Chicago as well as an academic program. Its program is fully accredited and credits earned are easily transferable. The general academic focus is threefold: the Classical World, the Renaissance, and contemporary Europe, but other areas are represented. A student majoring in the humanities or social sciences should have no difficulty finding courses in the discipline. Courses are regularly offered in the following fields: Art History, Classical Archaeology/Anthropology, Classical Civilization, including Latin and Greek, Economics, English Literature, History, International Studies, Italian Language and Literature, Music Appreciation (Opera), Peace Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Rome Studies, Sociology, Theology.

Admissions: Admission to the program is based upon academic aptitude, maturity, and motivation for entering the program. Students must be intellectually able, prepared to live in a foreign culture, ready to play a part in a small academic community, and be in good health. Effective for all applicants for 2004-2005 and afterwards, the following requirements must be met: current full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university, a minimum of 30 semester hours (or 45 quarter hours) of earned credit prior to application, a 3.0 (on a 4.00 scale) cumulative grade point average or higher at time of application, willingness to respect differences and an acceptable academic and disciplinary record. In order to enroll in the program, students must send in the (1) application form, (2) an official transcript, (3) 3 letters of recommendation (provided in the application packet), and (4) an essay. Admission to the Rome Center as a visiting student does not signify admission to Loyola University Chicago. It is expected that a visiting student will return to his or her home institution at the conclusion of the period of study abroad in Rome. If you're planning to apply, please pick up an application packet at the International Center, DuBourg Hall 150.

Language of Instruction: English.

Scholarships: ALL SLU scholarships will go with the student.

More Info: For more information, please go to the web site at <http://www.luc.edu/romecenter>

Location: The Rome Center is a campus of Loyola University Chicago and an academic program. Physically, it is located on the highest hill in the city of Rome - Monte Mario, which is among the most affluent residential areas in Rome. Monte Mario is home to diplomats, senators, judges, and other distinguished families. The Rome Center campus consists of one U-shaped building sprawled across five beautiful acres of land. The nearest bus stop (990) is a mere two-block walk away, and the campus is only 20 minutes from the Vatican and about 35 minutes from the downtown (*Roma Centro*) area by bus. Many students also enjoy walking up and down the hill; it's about a 40 minute walk to the Vatican. The Rome Center is due north of Vatican City and northwest of Rome's historic center.

Travel: While the academic program is central, intelligent travel is an important part of the Rome Center experience. Classes and vacations are scheduled to allow students to combine study and travel. Three-day weekends are the norm, with but two exceptions. There are three extended vacation periods: fall semester break [October], the break between semesters [December-January], and spring semester break [March]. Students must be prepared, however, to budget time carefully in order that travel has a purpose and class work does not suffer. The Rome Center offers two school-sponsored major tours. Over the Fall semester break the trip is to Greece and some of its islands, whereas over the Spring semester break, different locales are chosen each year. The cost for these tours is kept as affordable as possible for students. Occasional weekend tours to sites in Italy are also sponsored each semester.

The City of Rome: Words do little justice to the city of Rome; there is history at every turn. The Rome Center lies where ancient Romans farmed; the bus downtown runs on the road that pilgrims walked. But Rome is also a modern city. In addition to the incomparable monuments, churches, and archaeological sites, Rome nourishes a thriving cultural life. Students may attend performances of the Rome Opera, the Santa Cecilia concerts, folk and rock concerts, or get caught up in a Sunday soccer crowd. They may stand where Caesar orated, or strike a bargain at the flea market. Students may study the architecture or enjoy an ice cream cone from the same bench in Piazza Navona. Rome is the seat of the Catholic Church, the Italian Government, and a capital of film and fashion. Each semester at the Rome Center begins with an orientation to acquaint students with Rome, the Center, and fellow students. There are tours of the city of Rome and its environs, and there are lectures on the cultural life of Rome as well as tips and cautions about navigating the intricate byways of the Eternal City. Evenings are for social activities. In a sense, Rome itself is the campus.