EXPLORE ROME IN THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS

SUMMER JUNE 1 TO JUNE 30, 2025

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Professors: John Bell & B.J. Dobski

HIS 180: History of the United States to 1877 (Bell, 3 credits) What does early American history have to do with Rome? Everything! The American Founders looked to ancient Rome for inspiration as they created their own republic in the New World. This course will explore early Americans' love affair with all things Roman. Fulfills the History requirement in the Core and Foundations Program.

POL 205: Political Philosophy (Dobski, 3 credits) Political philosophy explores the questions fundamental to our lives as citizens and human beings. What is the best way of life? What is the best regime? Throughout its history, Rome's brightest lights – its philosophers, statesmen, emperors, and theologians – have wrestled with these questions. We will explore how political philosophy in the Eternal City illuminates our own experiment in wise and virtuous self-government. Fulfills the Forum requirement in the Foundations Program and Great Conversation in the Core.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

All students take at least

3 or 6 CREDITS

one three-credit course: HIS 180 or POL 205. Students also

have the option to take both courses, for a slightly increased fee. See program costs below. Books provided.

LODGING FOR 28 DAYS

All students will be housed in Assumption University's Villino Dufault, our residence in Rome. The building includes double occupancy rooms most with en suite bathrooms, a dining area, classroom, and lounge area.

DINING A light continental breakfast and dinner four nights per week in the Villino Dufault, along with most lunches and dinners during group excursions. (Lunches are not covered during the week, but refrigerator, cabinet storage, and a microwave are available for students to store and prepare their own lunches.)

EXCURSIONS One weekend trip to Florence. It includes transportation, lodging, meals, and tickets to events/museums. Day trips and local excursions related to the courses and part of the program are also included.



BUS/METRO PASS

Passes for Rome's ATAC public transportation system. Unlimited bus and metro use.



TWO OPEN WEEKENDS!

Enjoy two open weekends for personal travel within Italy and beyond.



PROGRAM COST

\$5,564 (1 course) or \$7,500 (2 courses) + airfare, + personal spending money, + some lunches





