

EXPLORE ROME IN THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS



SUMMER: MAY 30 TO JUNE 27, 2026

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students may register for one course, or both. All excursions in the city and discussions in the classroom will be led jointly by Prof. Keyes and Prof. Loustaunau and will involve all students. The city of Rome will be our classroom as we learn about how the “figure of the seeker” and thousands of years of “civilization in Rome” relate to each other, giving us a deeper appreciation of our experiences in the Eternal City.

In addition to learning in the company of friends, this will strengthen our sense of community as Hounds on an adventure abroad. You may complete the assignments – and so earn credit – for one or both courses. Registration happens after admission to the program.

CLT 255 THE FIGURE OF THE SEEKER taught by Prof. Esteban Loustaunau

In this course, students will learn to appreciate Rome as a site that has inspired seekers of life’s meaning, purpose, and callings. We will focus on works of art, architecture, and literature spanning multiple eras of the Eternal City from ancient, Catholic, Renaissance, Risorgimento to present time. Prerequisite: ENG 140 or its equivalent in another language: FRE/ITA/SPA 204.

HIS 150R CIVILIZATION IN ROME taught by Prof. Carl Keyes

This course uses the city of Rome – its ruins, monuments, churches, museums, and piazzas – as a classroom for learning about three millennia of history. We will focus on ancient Rome, Catholic Rome, Renaissance Rome, and Risorgimento and modern Rome. This course fulfills the History requirement on the Social and Historical Pillar in the Foundations Program.

WHAT’S INCLUDED?



3 or 6 CREDITS

All students take at least one three-credit course:

CLT 255 or **HIS 150R**. Students also have the option to take both courses, for a slightly increased fee. See program costs below. Books provided.



LODGING FOR 29 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. All linens included. Laundry facilities are available in the house.



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

There will be one weekend trip provided by the Program, which 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

\$5,760 (1 course) or \$7,765 (2 courses)
+ airfare, + personal spending money,
+ some lunches

APPLY!

BY MARCH 15, 2026

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