

A semester in Rome



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ACU Semester in Rome 2025 Information for Study Abroad Students

Experience the best of both worlds at ACU's Rome Campus - where education meets immersion in Roman life and culture. Our Rome Campus offers more than just academic learning. Here, you will engage deeply with the vibrant Roman lifestyle, forge connections with students from across Australia and around the globe, explore iconic historic sites, enhance your Italian language skills, and pursue your studies with passion. Located just three kilometres from Vatican City and near the trendy Trastevere suburb, the ACU Rome Campus is perfectly positioned for students to explore the rich cultural and historical offerings of the city.

What is the ACU Semester in Rome?

The ACU Semester in Rome (SiR) offers eligible undergraduates the opportunity to live and study at ACU's Rome campus for up to 15 weeks, fully experiencing Italian life and culture. Unlike traditional semesters, where you take several units simultaneously, The SiR is designed so that you study one unit at a time in intensive study block mode.

There are **4 study blocks** in total:

- **Block 1:** Italian language intensive (introductory to intermediate level)
- **Block 2:** Select 1 of 3 units
- **Block 3:** Select 1 of 3 units
- **Block 4:** Select 1 of 3 units

Note: All units are worth 10 credit points.

The ACU Semester in Rome is designed to be flexible:

You can apply for:

- The full semester: 4 units (one unit from each study block)
- 3 units (from 3 different study blocks)
- 2 units (from 2 different study blocks)
- 1 unit (from one study block)

When is the ACU Semester in Rome?

The SiR will be offered from September to December 2025. Each study block is 3 - 3.5 weeks in length.

SiR 2025 Timetable:

SiR Block	Units	Study block Start Date	Study block End Date	Notes
SiR Block 1:	Italian intensive.	Monday, 8 Sept. 2025	Wednesday, 1 Oct. 2025	All assessment tasks to be completed within this period
Block Break: Thursday 2 Oct. – Sunday 5 Oct.				
SiR Block 2:	HUMA254 HUMA207 THEL215	Monday, 6 Oct. 2025	Wednesday, 29 Oct. 2025	All assessment tasks to be completed within this period
Block Break: Thursday 30 Oct. – Tuesday 4 Nov.				
SiR Block 3:	HUMA319 THEL214 EDES300	Wednesday, 5 Nov. 2025	Friday, 29 Nov. 2025	All assessment tasks to be completed within this period
SiR Block 4:	HUMA252 PHCC320 PSYC225	Monday, 1 Dec. 2025	Friday, 19 Dec. 2025	Main/final assessment task may be completed after students have left the campus

What are the units on offer?

Block 1: Italian Language

[ITAN101 Introductory Italian](#)

This unit offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Italian language and culture by learning or improving their Italian in Italy. Students will enrol in the appropriate ACU Italian language unit and engage in learning both in the classroom and online, as well as through practical experiences on the streets of Rome. The unit is designed to enhance language proficiency while providing a rich cultural experience in one of the world's most historic and vibrant cities.

Block 2: select 1 of 3 units

[HUMA207 More than a Museum: Modern Rome](#)

Explore the dynamic and complex nature of modern Rome beyond its historical landmarks. Since becoming Italy's capital in 1870, Rome has transformed dramatically. Enrol in this unit to examine its rapid growth, the impact of both internal and international migration, and the broader processes of globalisation. Engage with the city's contemporary culture, economy, and politics through comprehensive study and real-world experiences. This unit offers a thorough understanding of Rome as a living, evolving metropolis, rich in contemporary significance and ever-evolving dynamism.

[THEL215 Mapping Laudato Si' and UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)

Delve into Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*, alongside the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Critically assess the social, cultural, political, and legal aspects of the SDGs and how they are addressed or challenged by the moral framework of *Laudato Si'*. Reflect on contemporary global development issues and the ethical dimensions of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

[HUMA254 The Idea of the City - A Study of Rome](#)

Examine urban life through the lens of Rome, exploring the city's unique cultural, political, and social experiences. This unit focuses on shared public spaces like roads, statues, and graffiti, encouraging you to rethink the concept of a city and its role in shaping human interaction and community life. Gain deeper insights into how urban environments influence and reflect societal changes and individual identities.

Block 3: select 1 of 3 units

[HUMA319 Rome Field School – Landscapes Past and Present](#)

Experience Rome firsthand through this immersive, hands-on unit. Explore the city's development over three millennia by applying concepts from archaeology, history, and geography. Conducted entirely on location, this unit offers site activities that enhance your understanding of how geographical features and human activities have shaped Rome's landscape over time.

[THEL214 Cults, Gods and Religion in Ancient Rome](#)

Immerse yourself in the rich and diverse religious landscape of Ancient Rome. Enrol in this unit to explore traditional Greco-Roman paganism, Mithraism, Judaism, and Christianity, and gain insights into how these religions coexisted and influenced each other within the city walls. Participate in visits to major religious sites, offering a hands-on appreciation of the complexity of ancient religious beliefs and practices. Through this study, you will develop a nuanced understanding of the interplay between religion, history, and culture in Ancient Rome.

[EDES300 Comparative Education – Local and Global Contexts](#)

Explore the impact of globalisation on education through this unit, which examines major educational debates and the tensions between equality, equity, quality, efficiency, and parental choice. Compare educational practices in different contexts, such as Italy and Australia, and investigate the historical role of education in societal development. Gain insights into how global forces shape local educational systems and reflect critically on the unique and shared aspects of education worldwide.

Block 4: select 1 of 3 units

[HUMA252 Art, Politics and Society in Renaissance and Baroque Rome](#)

Immerse yourself in the artistic and cultural richness of Renaissance and Baroque Rome. Engage with artworks in their original settings and analyse how art practices were influenced by the Reformation, Counter-Reformation, and changing political landscapes. Discover the transformation of classical iconography and the emergence of individual expression, truth, and power dynamics in these pivotal historical periods.

[PHCC320 The Just Society](#)

Engage with contemporary philosophical debates on the nature of a just society. Examine key concepts such as human dignity, social justice, and human solidarity. Explore issues like the fair distribution of societal benefits and burdens, individual and community rights and duties, and basic freedoms. This unit provides a comprehensive understanding of the ethical and philosophical foundations of a just society, preparing you to thoughtfully engage with social, ethical, and political uncertainties.

[PSYC225 Applied Positive Psychology](#)

Discover the scientific study of happiness, well-being, and human flourishing through positive psychology. Engage in experiential and project-based learning, exploring positive emotions, engagement, creativity, optimism, and strengths. Participate in community engagement opportunities to observe and practice relevant skills in real-world settings. Learn how to apply positive psychology principles to enhance your well-being and that of others.

What are the check-in and check-out arrangements at the Rome Campus?

If you are taking the full Semester in Rome, you will check-in at the Campus the day before Block 1 commences and check-out the day after Block 4 finishes. If you are studying 1, 2 or 3 blocks (i.e., not the full semester) you will arrive at the Rome Campus on the corresponding “Accommodation check in” date for your first study block as per the following calendar.

Unless you are you are undertaking consecutive study blocks, you will check out of the Rome campus the day after the study block finishes (see calendar). If you are undertaking consecutive study blocks, you can stay in the Rome Campus accommodation between blocks. You will depart on the “Accommodation check out” date of your last block of study.

Check-in and check-out dates:

SiR Block	Accommodation Check in	Study block Start Date	Study block End Date	Accommodation Check Out
SiR Block 1:	Sunday, 7-Sep-25	Monday, 8-Sep-25	Wednesday, 1-Oct-25	Thursday, 2-Oct-25
SiR Block 2:	Sunday, 5-Oct-25	Monday, 6-Oct-25	Wednesday, 29-Oct-25	Thursday, 30-Oct-25
SiR Block 3:	Tuesday, 4-Nov-25	Wednesday, 5-Nov-25	Friday, 28-Nov-25	Saturday, 29-Nov-25
SiR Block 4:	Sunday, 30-Nov-25	Monday, 1-Dec-25	Friday, 19-Dec-25	Saturday, 20-Dec-25

Who enrolls in the SiR?

Students from ACU and ACU's international partner universities enrol in the program. It is a great mix of Australian and international students who study at our Campus di Roma. A genuine international cultural experience!

Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must have completed at least one full year of study at a university level with satisfactory grades.

You will meet the English language requirements if you have successfully completed at least one full-time year of study – where the medium was English – at a secondary or higher education level. If you have not, you will need to provide evidence of the following:

- IELTS: 6.0; 6.0 for Writing and Speaking; 5.5 for Reading and Listening
- TOEFL IBT: 60; 21 in Writing

An expanded list of approved English language proficiency test results can be viewed in Schedule 4 of the [Admission to Coursework Programs Policy](#).

It is vital that you also determine whether you can count SiR units towards your degree. **You must discuss these matters with your home university course coordinator prior to applying.**

Unit enrolment is capped at a maximum of 25 students per unit. If blocks or units are oversubscribed, preference will be given to students applying for the full semester (4 blocks).

How much does SiR cost?

Tuition for the SiR will be applied at the same tuition rate as our study abroad program. Applicants from ACU partner institutions are eligible for reduced tuition fee as per the table below.

There is an additional SiR program fee (Room & Board) to be paid, which covers the costs of accommodation (twin / triple share room), most meals at the Rome Campus, study-related site entrance fees, excursion costs, and other associated running costs.

The program costs for each block are as follows:

SiR Block	Program Fees (Room & Board)	Study Abroad Tuition: Partner University	Package: Tuition, Room & Board
Block 1:	AU\$3,100	AU\$2,126	AU\$5,226
Block 2:	AU\$3,850	AU\$2,126	AU\$5,976
Block 3:	AU\$3,850	AU\$2,126	AU\$5,976
Block 4:	AU\$3,250	AU\$2,126	AU\$5,376
Semester Total:	AU\$14,050	AU\$8,504	AU\$22,554
		US Dollar Conversion Approx.	US\$14,937 [^]
			<small>[^]AUD to USD conversion of 0.662 on 23 July 2024 via xe.com.</small>

The SiR fee **does not** include return airfares, visas, local travel costs, personal travel or site-seeing, and meals not included at the Rome Campus.

I'm interested! How do I apply?

Submit your expression of interest online: [ACU Study in Rome 2025 - Expression of Interest \(EOI\)](#)

A formal application period will open between January – March, 2025 and students on the EOI list will be notified of the application portal.

Application deadline: **1 April 2025**.

When will I know if my application has been successful?

Successful applicants will be notified early April 2025. Global Learning will send you a letter of offer via your student email and you will be required to sign and submit an acceptance form. You will also need to pay a **non-refundable deposit** of \$500 at this stage. Full details will be provided in the offer letter.

If you haven't been able to secure a place, we will also let you know at this time.

How can I find out more about the ACU Semester in Rome?

Contact ACU Global Learning: globallearning.inbound@acu.edu.au.