Rome Application Checklist

A complete Rome application includes the following:

- Online Application.
- Photocopy of your valid passport with an expiration date no sooner than November 2022 submitted to the Rome Office.
- Emergency contact details for your parent/guardian.
- Semester preference explanation. Note: Preference is given to students whose degree plans require them to go a particular semester in order to graduate in four years and to those on varsity sports teams.
- Recent color photograph of applicant, which will be used to make a student ID card.

Applications for fall 2021 and spring 2022 are due Monday, March 1, 2021.

Applications for summer 2021 will open in fall 2020 with a priority application deadline of Friday, January 15, 2021.

Applications can be found by visiting studyaway.udallas.edu. To apply for a Rome Program, navigate to the “Undergraduate Programs” section and choose “Undergraduate Rome”. You will then be able to choose your year preference and can begin an application. You must log in to the site using your UD credentials to access your application. If you have trouble logging in, please contact support@udallas.edu.
For 50 years, the University of Dallas Rome Program has offered a curriculum of study in concert with educational travel for students committed to the traditional liberal arts and the Catholic intellectual heritage. This vision of study at our Italian campus has shaped the Rome Program from its beginnings.

The purpose of the Rome Program is to work in concert with the Core curriculum to intensify the students’ appreciation and understanding of Western civilization through the transformative experiences that thoughtful and informed travel can bring. Prior to their Rome semester, University of Dallas students read the works of Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Vergil, Augustine, Aquinas, Dante and other authors as part of the university’s nationally recognized Core curriculum. Having this rich educational background gives depth to their experience of the Rome semester.

Students read about Odysseus and Aeneas one day and find themselves within the actual settings of these heroic stories the next. They travel seas and journey through landscapes where major battles were decided. They reenact scenes from the great Greek tragedies in the theaters where those plays were once performed. They come face to face with works of art and architecture that have inspired mankind for centuries. And they visit some of the holiest shrines and most beautiful monuments of the Roman Catholic Church. Direct experiences of this sort help students to solidify much of what they learn in the Core curriculum, just as the opportunity for independent travel helps them learn to plan carefully and act responsibly.

All of Italy, but Rome in particular, is uniquely suited to such a curriculum. Rome, the Eternal City and the cornerstone of the Roman Catholic Church, rests on the foundations of one of the world’s greatest civilizations. It once was said that “all roads lead to Rome.” It can equally be said today that Rome is a convenient and efficient hub from which to journey to other European locales.
Students are invited to apply to the Rome Program. Founded in 1970, the program offers the opportunity to take selected courses in the Core curriculum at the university's campus in Rome. Using this campus as their base, students make frequent trips into the city, explore surrounding towns and historical sites, and travel as a group to cities such as Florence, Venice, Assisi or Naples, as well as Greece or Sicily. The semester is also organized in such a way as to allow considerable opportunity for individual travel throughout Europe. It is no surprise that a large majority of UD undergraduates participate in the Rome semester.

Because all students study essentially the same courses in Rome; because students live together with faculty and staff and their families on the same campus and travel together in both Italy and Greece; and because there are frequent campus activities in which all participate; the Rome semester is also characterized by an intense common life and all that that implies. This can help increase the impact of the Core curriculum, as well as encourage a broader self-understanding.

The Rome semester is fast-paced and challenging, as it encourages travel and intense community life without diminishing the importance of study. Perhaps in part because it is a challenging semester, students’ memories of their time in Rome are often among the most cherished recollections of their time at UD.

The Campus

UD’s beautiful Eugene Constantin Rome Campus at Due Santi is located on the western slopes of the Alban Hills, about 12 miles southeast of the center of Rome, in one of the city’s most attractive suburbs. Less than two miles away, in the small town of Castel Gandolfo, is the Palazzo Papale, a majestic palace that serves as the Pope’s summer residence. Thanks to this unique location and the comfortable and well-provided Due Santi campus itself, UD Rome is a perfect place for students, faculty, and staff to get to know one another, learn together and explore the many attractions of Italy.
Applying to the Rome Program

The university reserves the opportunity to participate in the Rome Program for students who are most likely both to excel academically through the curriculum of liberal arts study and behave responsibly in the environment of the close-knit Rome campus community and during their individual travels in Europe. Since the Rome semester is more demanding for many people than a semester on the Irving campus, it would be ill-advised to accept students who are not adequately prepared to succeed in the program. Students demonstrate their qualifications for acceptance by maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 and behaving with a high level of maturity toward their peers and others.

Application materials for the 2021-22 Rome program will be available in early January 2021. Complete applications are due March 1, 2021. The following are minimum eligibility requirements to be considered for admission to the Rome program.

- **A passport** valid at least through November 2022. We recommend that incoming students apply for a new passport now. For information on how to apply for or renew a passport, visit: travel.state.gov/passport.

- **Fulfillment of minimum academic requirements**, which include: sophomore standing as of fall 2021; at least one full-time semester spent on the main campus prior to participation (including the semester immediately preceding Rome participation); successful completion of The Literary Tradition I and Philosophy and the Ethical Life; preferable completion of The Literary Tradition II and Understanding the Bible; preferably a 2.5 cumulative GPA and good academic standing at the University of Dallas. Preference is given to students who have demonstrated the ability to succeed academically while carrying a full five-course (15-hour) load.

- **Good health and maturity**: It is also important that students be prepared for four months overseas in an intense program that is physically, socially and academically challenging. Health and student life histories are reviewed in light of these concerns.

*See university bulletin for full requirements.*
Curriculum & Academic Requirements

The Academic Curriculum

The classes on the Rome campus are designed both to fit smoothly into the program required of all students and to take full advantage of the unique setting in which they are taught. Taught primarily by University of Dallas professors, the courses are selected from those Core curriculum requirements that are closely concerned with the philosophical, theological, political, literary and artistic development of Western civilization.

All Rome students are required to register for the five three-credit Core courses listed below for a total of 15 credits. Students with advanced placement for English 2311 register for ENG 3355 ST/Tragedy & Comedy. Students in Rome may also register for one or two one-credit Pass/No Pass options for a total of 16 or 17 credits.

Since course offerings on the Rome Campus are limited, freshman and sophomore year programs must be arranged carefully, saving the Rome Core courses for Rome. Please be advised that taking one of the Rome courses prior to Rome may result in a student being disqualified from going to Rome.

Students requesting a waiver of these academic requirements must obtain prior approval of the Dean of Constantin College.

Academic Course Prerequisites

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2020-21 Course Offerings

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<td>MIT 1302 First-Year Italian II (spring)</td>
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<td>HIS 2301 Western Civilization I</td>
<td>MIT 2311 Second-Year Italian I (fall)</td>
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<td>PHI 2323 The Human Person*</td>
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<td>CLG 3325 Greek Historians (spring)</td>
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<td>ART 2311 Art &amp; Architecture of Rome</td>
<td>Examples of one-credit pass-fail course offerings:</td>
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<td>MIT 1101 Italian Culture and Conversation</td>
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Course Order Note
Western Civilization II may be taken on the Irving campus before Western Civilization I, and The Literary Tradition IV may be taken before The Literary Tradition III. Intermediate Greek is offered occasionally, but only in the spring semester.

Good Questions to Ask

How much does the Rome Program cost?
Tuition on the Rome and Irving campuses is the same, with room and board in Rome slightly more than room and board in Irving. There are additional travel-related expenses that add approximately $7,000 to the cost of the Rome semester. For examples of additional Rome semester costs, visit udallas.edu/rome/sophomoreromeprogram/costsandfees.

What about airfare accommodations?
A group flight is booked through the Rome Office. Students can be routed from their hometown and meet at a hub city (varies depending on airline) before departing the U.S.

Students are required to fly with the group. Those wishing to apply for a waiver of this requirement must wait to do so until after flight details are published. A waiver fee may apply. Details for the fall 2021 flight will be available April 2021. Details for the spring 2022 group flight will be available late September 2021.
How is the Rome Program structured?
This is such a great question that we have decided to include a sample semester calendar, so that you can see how your time in Rome and throughout Italy and Europe will be spent. Your Rome semester may look something like this:

Sample Rome Semester Calendar

Fall 2019

August 17: Students arrive in Rome; Opening Convocation
August 18: Rome Orientation and Mass in St. Peter's Basilica
August 19: Classes Begin
August 21: Rome Scavenger Hunt
August 24: Castelli Excursion; Evening Wine Tasting

September 4: Forum and Colosseum
September 6 - 8: Campania Trip
September 11: Capitoline Museums
September 25: Costanza and Agnese
September 27 - October 6: Greece Trip

October 9: San Clemente
October 11-20: Fall Break
October 23: Papal Audience/Vatican Museums
October 30: Galleria Borghese

November 1-3: Women’s Retreat
November 8 - 10: Men’s Retreat
November 13-16: Northern Italy Trip
November 28 - December 1: Thanksgiving Break
November 25-27, December 2-3: Final Exams

December 3: Final Convocation
December 4: Group flight departs Rome
What should I be aware of regarding health concerns overseas?

Students with a wide variety of medical conditions go to Rome. Considerations for health clearance for Rome attendance include the following:

- Limited access to care.
- Language barrier.
- Lack of mental health services.
- Limited availability of medications commonly prescribed in U.S. (especially psychoactive medications).
- Prescription medication cannot be shipped to Italy.

Health Requirements

- Condition has been stable under current treatment for four months and is expected to remain stable under current treatment for the next five months.
- Ability to travel, carry a heavy backpack, accommodate diet to available resources and adjust to rigorous academic and physical activity.
- Ongoing treatment must require minimal intervention, such that it can be administered on the Rome campus and during travel periods.
- Clearance by a physician, proof of enough medication for the full semester and other documentation as necessary.

Bear in Mind

- Previously resolved problems may resurface, especially asthma and conditions associated with fatigue, change in schedule, change in diet and distance from home.
- Students must be prepared to pay physicians and hospitals out of pocket for any illnesses.
When will I leave, and when will I return?

**Tentative Dates**

Dates are set for each program approximately four months prior to the program.

**Fall 2021 Semester**
Late August - Early December (Dates TBA)

**Spring 2022 Semester**
Late January - Early May (Dates TBA)

The Rome and Summer Programs Office handles all portions of the Rome application, orientation and preparation process including academic preparation and registration, preparation for student life and health concerns in Rome, flights and visa applications.

**Summer Rome**

The University of Dallas will begin its ninth Summer Rome Program in June 2021. The summer program provides undergraduates the opportunity to study in Rome at a Catholic university dedicated both to an authentic presentation of the Catholic tradition and to academic excellence in the liberal arts.

The Summer Rome Program is designed as an attractive alternative to the fall and spring semester programs, and as an opportunity for undergraduates from other institutions to experience the university’s signature Rome Program. Like our semester program, students will be housed on the Eugene Constantin Campus at Due Santi.

Students register for courses in the liberal arts or Italian track. Recent options have included:

- Theology 2311, Western Theological Tradition
- English 2311, The Literary Tradition III
- Philosophy 2323, The Human Person
- Art 2311, Art and Architecture of Rome
- History 2301, Western Civilization I
- The Italian track is made up of intensive second-year Italian 1 and 2 (or equivalent courses). Open to students who have successfully completed one year of college Italian.

For further requirements, information regarding the curriculum, faculty and staff, campus and religious life, and photographs of campus, visit [udallas.edu/rome](http://udallas.edu/rome).
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