

Cal Poly Rome Program in Architecture

fall 2026

Dates Fall 2026: 15 weeks
Aug. 29 to Dec. 11

Credits 15 credits

Courses

- ARCH 4415
Special Topics in
Design - Sustainable
Rome
- ARCH 4401
Advanced
Architectural Design
- ARCH 3325
Topics in History,
Theory, and Criticism
- ITAL 1141
Elementary Italian I -
Study Abroad

Why choose Rome

15 weeks in Italy

2 weeks of field trips

*9 days of mid-term break
for independent travel*

*Exclusive access to
cultural sites & experts*

*Modern facilities in
beautiful, historic settings*

Expert, local faculty

*Orientation sessions &
on-site student services*

Immigration assistance

*Convenient housing
provided by program*

*Cultural activities, Italian
language, film, etc.*

Study in Rome, and discover how Italy has
forever transformed timeless ideas into
contemporary culture.

Leave the Classroom to Learn in the Field
Travel throughout Italy

Meet designers and other professional experts

Explore contemporary and historical sites in Rome

Earn credit towards a Sustainability Minor

Study Sustainable Design & Planning; Creative
Design Studios; Seminar in History, Theory and
Criticism; and Italian Language

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
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FAQ

What is included?

This is a full-facility, full-service program. Field trips with comfortable lodging and transportation, textbooks, orientation, some group meals, on-site student support, cultural visits and more are included in tuition.

Are the field trips costs included?

Field trips include transportation, comfortable hotels, cultural sites and some great group meals.

Can I travel on my own?

You will have free time each week to explore Rome, plus weekends and a 9-day mid-term break to travel. Rome is a hub for traveling around Italy, Europe and the Mediterranean.

Do I earn Cal Poly credit?

Yes! All four courses earn direct Cal Poly credit.

What are the design studios like?

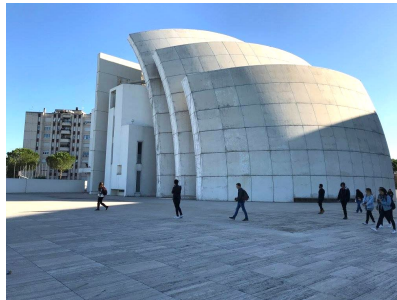
Serious complete design studios explore manual and digital media, and build your skills and your portfolio through creative solutions to challenging, real-world problems.

Where do we study?

AIA provides fully equipped facilities, located in an elegant palace in the heart of Rome.

What is housing like?

AIA provides clean, comfortable apartments convenient to AIA Rome Center.



What is Rome like?

Rome is one of the richest historical urban environments in the world. It is also a walkable, modern metropolis of lively, livable, local neighborhoods.

Who teaches the classes?

Architecture courses are taught by local professor and architect Tom Rankin, graduate of Princeton and the Harvard GSD, who has worked and taught in Italy for decades. And, you will meet many other diverse, local experts, academics and professionals in your classes and site visits.

Will I learn Italian?

Our university-level, for-credit Italian Language course offers a fun and natural way to learn with a native Italian teacher.

Is it all about classes?

No, this academically rigorous program also includes many cultural activities, Italian films, etc. Fill your free time with urban living like concerts, local eateries, professional soccer, museums, etc.

What about student support?

The AIA staff helps students get settled in their new home in Italy with student services like:

- Pre-departure advice
- Orientation sessions
- Immigration assistance
- Online services
- Housing assistance
- Emergency assistance

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