ROME, ITALY - Spring 2021
Jan 19 – (Feb 7 –) May 8, 2021
Faculty-led by Dr. Quadrifoglio (quadrifo@tamu.edu)
- For CVEN + all ENGR Dept.
- 5 TAMU Classes offered abroad (+ online)
- 4 weekend Group Tech/Fun trips + daytrips
- 3/4 FREE weekends with Fridays off
- One 10-day (Easter) Break
- Optional INTERNSHIPS
- 10hr Survival Italian Course
- Group Meal roughly every week
- Italian Serie A Soccer

Application: https://tx.ag/Roma2021
Where?

Eng. Dept.
@RomaTre
University
www.uniroma3.it

15 min from students’ Apartments

20-30 min from the center of Rome and our provider ACCENT
Classes offered abroad:

Fitting CVEN, and also suitable for other ENGR Depts. (*)

[TAMU classes taught by Dr. Quadrifoglio (2) and local faculty (3)]

Choose 2 (or more) classes from:

- CVEN307 – Transportation Eng
- CVEN311 – Fluid Dynamics
- CVEN322 – Civil Eng Systems
- CVEN349 – Eng Proj Mgmt
- GEOL320 – Geology for Eng

Sub for ISEN302


+ on-line (MEEN315, ENGL210, URPN202, ARTS150, ARCH350, FINC409, MGMT309 and more, when offered)

(*) CVEN302 pre-req usually waived for non-CVEN students for CVEN307/CVEN322/CVEN349
Eligibility

If you currently are:

- **A CVEN sophomore**: you are the perfect candidate for the 2021 Program.

- **A CVEN Junior**: you can still join, as long as you register for at least two on-site classes in Rome and then fill up your semester with TAMU online classes (if needed).

- **An IDIS student**: you can join, two classes taken in Rome (usually, but not necessarily, CVEN322 and CVEN349) can be your tech electives and then take TAMU online classes, like MGMT309 and FINC409 (for example). 12 IDIS students have joined past Programs.

- **A non-CVEN / non-IDIS student**: you can join more or less easily (ISEN, MEEN, PETE, CSCE students joined), depending on your Dept.’s rules. Find at least two classes offered in Rome good for your degree plan either as elective and/or as a substitute (for example: CVEN322 is an approved substitute for ISEN302; CVEN311 is an approved elective for ISEN) and choose TAMU online classes on top.

- **A Freshmen**: you may still join as a next year Sophomore, even though it would possibly be better for you to join in 2022 (as a Junior)
Typical Week

Fridays are off!

Time | M | Tu | W | Th | F | Sa | Su
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9 - 11 | Class A | Class B | Class A | Class B | Free/Field Trips | Free/Field Trips | Free/Field Trips
11 - 1 | Class B | Class C | Class C | | | | 
1-2 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | | | 
2-4 | Free | Class D | Class D | | | | 
4-5 | Free | Free | Free | Free | | | 

Also Daily Tech visits

Classes begin @ TAMU

Orientation

Florence

Orvieto/Assisi

Easter Break

Finals

Arrival Check-in

Pompeii/Sorrento/Capri

Abruzzo

SERIE A

Tentative Calendar 2021
**Internships**

**DURING the PROGRAM**

- Supplement for placement only if hired
- Competitive: up to 10 unpaid internships offered
- 6-8 hrs/wk, so you can still take 4+ classes
- Placements include Public Institutions, Engineering Firms, Architecture firms, Renewable Energy firms, Italian University Eng. Dept. labs/research
- Internship support from ACCENT
- Internship will shine on your CV as ‘International’
Shared Student Apts

OR

Family Homestay

● Experience independent Roman life alongside Italian neighbors
● 4-7 students per apartment in double/triple rooms
● Fully-furnished, WIFI, shared common space, kitchen, washing machine
● Within walking distance from everything you need!

!!Not in 2021 due to COVID!!

● Includes breakfast daily & dinner M-Th
● Unique opportunity for independent students to immerse themselves in Italian language and culture
● Vetted families with ACCENT’s network
● Private bedroom, shared bathroom, WIFI
● Typical Roman residential neighborhoods
## COST

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<th>Estimated Program Fee (subject to change)</th>
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<td><strong>Includes</strong></td>
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<td>Tuition, Roundtrip airfare, other meals, personal expenses</td>
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Overall $3K extra compared to staying in BCS without accounting for scholarships

Cheap Airfare: ~$800 roundtrip

### Scholarships

Regular TAMU Scholarships and Financial Aid

and many more @http://abroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Scholarships
Environment/Culture

• Italy is a very modern and fully developed country. Culturally different, but still part of the ‘western world’, so not a ‘dramatic’ culture shock

• Rome (almost 3M people) is big and built over centuries of history, so most modern infrastructures need to adapt over an abundance of ancient sites.

• You cannot expect nor pretend American efficiency…. So, be prepare for a bit of disorganization... just try not to get frustrated by it and enjoy the City’s overall magic atmosphere and culture!

• Space is limited, so things are in general “smaller”
Free weekends...?

All major cities reachable with cheap short direct flights

Stockholm, Helsinki, Oslo, Copenhagen
Rome!
Pompeii
Amalfi Coast!
Florence/Tuscany!
ABRUZZO!
!Free Weekend?!
Study Abroad impact

It is a lot of FUN, but not just that!

It’s an investment for your FUTURE

“Now you might be tight on $ but you have the time/opportunity to do it. Later on in life you’ll have enough $$, but likely no time until retirement...”

Research studies overwhelmingly show that Study Abroad

➢ builds Personal Growth and Self-Confidence
➢ improves GPAs, dramatically increases Employability and Career Skills

The main REGRET of College graduates is not having participated in a Study Abroad

“I am participating in the college of engineering’s first semester long study abroad and it all still feels so surreal! The program was intended for Civil Engineering, but I made it fit for me, an Industrial Distribution major and I am so glad I did! I didn’t imagine I’d be able to experience Italy and Europe in my early 20s, but thanks to TAMU and my family I am!👍

-Diana Vazquez, 2019 Participant
Urban Legends

I can’t go because....

➢ “I don’t know Italian...” [useful but NOT needed]
➢ “It’s dangerous/unsafe...” [Simply UNTRUE!]
➢ “I don’t know anybody that is going...” [Make NEW friends there!]
➢ “I need to know a Professor to go...” [HERE I AM!!]

Be Positive!!
GRAZIE!!

?QUESTIONS?

Faculty:
Luca Quadrifoglio
Study Abroad Advisor:
Erin Kibler

Past Program Video:
https://youtu.be/j-8acMRLTas
by Matt James (TAMU student)
https://youtu.be/g5SRtBhwE-4
by Matt James (TAMU student)
https://youtu.be/VQdQxj_vDSc
by Ashley Otte (TAMU student)

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ACCENT ROME Promo Video:
https://youtu.be/jNd4j9Ko8KQ

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