Rome, Italy - Spring 2020
Jan 16 – May 9, 2020 (15 wks)
- 5 TAMU Classes offered abroad
- Two 10-day Breaks
- 4 weekend Group Field/Fun trips
- 10hr Survival Italian Course
- Group Meal roughly every week
- Italian Serie A Soccer

Application:
https://engineering.tamu.edu/academics/global/opportunities-abroad/locations/italy/civil-engineering-spring.html
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
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”
Classes offered abroad:

[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)

Fitting CVEN Junior Spring Semester
But also suitable for other ENGR Depts.
Instructors

Prof. Luca Quadrifoglio for CVEN322 and CVEN349
Prof. Michele La Rocca for CVEN311
Prof. Paolo Ballato for GEOL320
Prof. Stefano Carrese for CVEN307

All faculty @RomaTre are proficient in English
### Typical Week

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### Fridays are off!

### Calendar (2019)

- **Orientations**
- **Florence**
- **Pompeii/Sorrento/Capri**
- **Abruzzo**
- **SERIE A Lazio-Juve (Ronaldo!)**
- **Assisi/Orvieto**
- **Spring Break**
- **Easter Break**
- **Daily Tech visits**
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Free weekends...?

Stockholm, Helsinki, Oslo, Copenhagen

All major cities reachable with cheap short direct flights
**Internships**

DURING the PROGRAM

• Supplement for placement only if hired

• Competitive: up to 10 unpaid internships offered

• 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’

• *Talk to your advisor to match it with a ENGR484/5*
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!

- 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>Housing in shared apartments, field trips, group meals, survival Italian course, classroom facilities, IT resources, 24/7 Emergency support, transit pass</td>
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Overall $4K extra compared to staying in BCS without accounting for scholarships

Cheap Airfare: ~$700 roundtrip

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**Scholarships**

REGULAR TAMU SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

and many more @ [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Scholarships](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Scholarships)
Eligibility

The 2019 program had 31 students: 6 are taking 5 classes, 22 are taking 4, 1 is taking 3, 2 are taking 2 [any needed TAMU online class to reach full-time status]

If you currently are:
A CVEN sophomore: you are the perfect candidate for the 2020 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). 5 IDIS students are currently enrolled in the Spring 2019 with this model ad it works just fine for them.
A non-CVEN / non-IDIS student: It is possible for you to join more or less easily (a ISEN and MEEN student did so this year), depending on your Dept.’s rules. Once again, 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 (2 did so this year), even though it would possibly be better for you to join in 2021 (as a Junior)
Rome!
Pompeii
Amalfi Coast!
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:
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Study Abroad Advisor:
Erin Kibler            ekibler100@tamu.edu

Past Italy Summer Programs videos!:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eT7yIg24jyE
by Matthew James (TAMU student)

ACCENT ROME Promo Video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67E0AKAGPwQ