

WELCOME TO SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY!

It is a pleasure for us to welcome you to Sapienza University, the biggest University in Europe, with over 700-year background and a rich knowledge heritage!

If you are reading our guide, this means that you are considering to study at Sapienza University, a place where tradition and innovation meet to provide students with the best academic course programme.

We know that before a journey to a foreign country, you should have a lot of questions about practical matters (accommodation, enrolment, life in Rome, etc.) and didactics matters (language courses, syllabus, timetables, etc.): this guide aims to answer most of your doubts, but, should you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to meeting you and hope that your stay in Rome and in our University will be fruitful and pleasant!

The Erasmus staff

ABOUT US

700 years of Sapienza

Sapienza was founded on April, 20th 1303, when Pope Boniface VIII issued the Bull *In suprema praeminentia dignitatis*, establishing *Studium Urbis*, the first University in Rome.

In 1660 the construction of Sapienza's building (one of Borromini's masterpieces) was completed and inaugurated by Alessandro VI: the University received its name (from the inscription on its main door: *Initium Sapientiae timor Domini*).

It was transferred to the present Campus, ordered by Mussolini and designed by Marcello Piacentini, in 1935.

Sapienza always played a relevant role in Italian history: the university of Rome was involved in the most important changes and processes concerning society, economics and politics and had many famous scholars among its students (the poet Giuseppe Ungaretti, the members of the so called "Via Panisperna" group, including Enrico Fermi, Edoardo Amaldi and Emilio Segrè and many other writers, thinkers, politicians, artists, showmen and actors).

Today, Sapienza is a city within the city: with about 125.000 students, 4.000 professors and almost 4.300 administrative and technical staff, Sapienza is the biggest University in Italy and Europe

Sapienza's Governance is composed by the Rector, a Vice Rector and a group of Deputy Rectors, charged with specific activities, supporting the Rector in the management of the University, also with cooperation from *ad hoc* committees.

Sapienza University is structured in over 60 departments, coordinated by 11 Faculties: Architecture; Civil and Industrial Engineering; Economics; Information Engineering; Law; Mathematical, Physical and Natural Studies; Medicine and Dentistry; Medicine and Psychology; Pharmacy and Medicine; Philosophy, Arts and Humanities and Oriental Studies; Political Science, Sociology and Communication Science. Sapienza boasts 21 museums, 59 libraries and 2 University hospitals.

Sapienza's academic course programme is very wide: degree courses, masters (1st and 2nd level degree courses of scientific and professional specialization), specialization schools, PhD courses, international PhDs, several high-level training programmes and E-Learning Courses. Each year the University awards research grants, student grants to study overseas and scholarships for meritorious students (www.uniroma1.it).

The Sapienza brand is an excellent study chance for all its students, since the University plays a leading role in the field of Higher Education and in that of Research and Development both at national and international level, and acts as a leader in the economic and social processes on territorial base.

Sapienza prides itself upon its international atmosphere and has cultural and scientific agreements and exchanges with many foreign University Institutions, both in European and non-European countries.

Sapienza joins to the Erasmus Programme since 1987 and has been awarded the Extended Erasmus University Charter for the period 2007-2013.

In the framework of this European programme, Sapienza signed more than 1000 interinstitutional Erasmus agreements with almost 500 Partners in 31 countries.

The University also adopted the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), in order to enhance and facilitate the recognition of all studies abroad.

Facts and figures

700 year old tradition

125.000 students
8.000 foreign students
about 1.200 Erasmus students
11 Faculties
over 60 Departments
59 Libraries
21 Museums
about 300 degree programmes
200 one or two year professional courses
over 200 Specialization and Professional Courses, and PhDs
4.000 teaching staff
4.300 administrative staff

The University and its Campus

Most of the Faculties are located inside the campus, but some of them are outside the campus.

Piazzale Aldo Moro 5 is the main Campus entrance, the other entrances are in: Viale dell'Università, Viale Regina Elena and Via Cesare de Lollis.

Getting to the Campus

The University campus can be reached by bus (lines: 310, 71, 163, 492), by tram (lines: 3 and 19) and by underground - B line (*Policlinico* stop).

In and around the University there are cafeterias, museums, and other services (such as banks and post offices). The University-Hospital *Policlinico* is located next to the campus.

Degree programmes and grading system

The majority of the degree programmes are taught in Italian. However, some faculties offer lectures in foreign languages, mainly in English.

Sapienza also offers a new degree course in *Medicine and Surgery* (six-year-single-cycle degree), some fully taught courses in English (*Engineering in Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, Master in Advanced Economics, Political Science*) and some partially taught courses in English (www2.uniroma1.it/eng/AP/AP-ETCP.php).

All courses offered at Sapienza are listed in the faculty syllabuses. The curriculum of studies is available on each faculty's web pages (<http://en.uniroma1.it/structures/faculties-0>).

Grades are on a scale with a maximum score of 30 and a passmark of 18. One credit is 25 hours of study and 60 credits is the workload of a full time student during one academic year.

Academic calendar and lecture timetable

The teaching calendar varies from faculty to faculty. For many the academic year is split into two semesters, the first begins in September or early October, while the

second begins in March. In some faculties, lecturing is on an annual basis and the academic year starts in November.

The University is closed for holidays on: 1st November, 8th December, from 22nd December to 7th January, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday, Thursday before Easter to the Tuesday after, 25th April, 1st May, 2nd June, 29th June, August.

Exams are generally held in summer (June and July), autumn (September and October) and winter (January and February).

Each specific lecture timetable is available on the faculty/department's web pages and on the department bulletin boards. Erasmus students are suggested to contact the Erasmus administrative officers of their receiving faculties (contact details at www.uniroma1.it/students-coming-sapienza).

List of services¹

Herewith you will find a list of services available for Erasmus students enrolled at Sapienza University:

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS	COST
CIAO (<i>Centro Informazioni Accoglienza Orientamento</i>)	An organisation providing general advice and information to students, located on the ground floor of the Rectorate building (entrance: under the portico of the Rectorate building)	Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 Rectorate Building (entrance under the portico) Opening hours: from Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Web site: www.uniroma1.it/ciao E-mail: ciao@uniroma1.it	Free of charge
HELLO	A welcoming service addressed to foreign students interested in studying at Sapienza University. It cooperates with the International Programmes Office (Erasmus Office), Foreign Students Office and International Relations Office	Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 Rectorate Building (entrance under the portico) Opening hours: from Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Web site: www.uniroma1.it/didattica/sportelli/hello E-mail: hello@uniroma1.it	Free of charge
SORT	This service provides support, information and advice to students and first-year students.	In each Faculty you will find a SORT Office. The central SORT Office is based at Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 (<i>Palazzo delle Segreterie, SCALA A, 4th floor</i>) Web site: www.uniroma1.it/didattica/sportelli/sort E-mail: servizio.orientamento@uniroma1.it T 0649912794 F 0649912748	Free of charge
Service for Disabled Persons	This office can provide advising, financial help and guidance for disabled students and information on the services at Sapienza.	Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 Rectorate Building (entrance under the portico) Opening hours: from Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Web site: www.uniroma1.it/didattica/sportelli/sportello-disabili E-mail: sportello@uniroma1.it Toll free phone number: 800410960	Free of charge

¹ References: Student Guide 2012/2013, web site www.uniroma1.it/studenti

Please, note that some links may have been updated: we suggest you to visit our web-site for most up-to-dated information.

URP (<i>Ufficio Relazioni con il Pubblico</i>)	General assistance and orientation service.	Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. – 12 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Web site: www.uniroma1.it/urp E-mail: urp@uniroma1.it T 0649914180-4181	Free of charge
Sapienza Wireless Networking Service	Wireless internet access is available in various campus areas (classrooms, libraries, study halls, outdoor spaces) using your registration number and your password (the same you use for Infostud services)	Opening hours: from Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Web site: http://sapienzawireless.uniroma1.it/ E-mail: netcom@uniroma1.it T 0649690113; F 0649910170	Free of charge
University canteens (<i>Laziodisu, anagrafe studenti</i>)	ADISU card to benefit of the University canteens	Address: Via C. De Lollis 22 Opening hours: from Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Web site: www.laziodisu.it T 064970283-4	ADISU card : free of charge Meals at reduced price
Central Libraries and library service on Campus	It is possible to access the libraries and borrow books	Sapienza has got 59 libraries, most of them located in the Campus. Web pages: www.uniroma1.it/strutture/biblioteche Digital Library: http://bids.citicord.uniroma1.it <i>Chiedi @I bibliotecario</i> (Assistance and help service): w3.uniroma1.it/vrd/chiedi.aspx	Free of charge
<i>Centro copie Universitario</i>	Photocopy shop and printing centre	Faculty of Economics, Via del Castro Laurenziano,9 Opening hours: from 8.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Web site: www.centrocopieuniversitario.com E-mail: info@centrocopieuniversitario.com T 0649766901	Special reduced price
<i>Centro copie Mirafiori</i>	Photocopy shop and printing centre	Former " <i>Lettere e Filosofia</i> " Faculty Building Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 Opening hours: from 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. E-mail: copisteriamirafiori@gmail.com T 0649913042	Special reduced price
Museums and University cultural laboratories and activities	21 Museum, most of them located in the Campus	Information, details and addresses are available on www.musei.uniroma1.it E-mail: polomusealesapienza@uniroma1.it T 0649913725	Free entrance
Sporting activities: (CUS – <i>Centri Universitari Sportivi</i>)	Gyms, swimming pools, and other sporting activities	CUS Roma Piazzale del Verano, 27 CUS Roma Via Tor di Quinto 64, 00191 Roma Web sites: www.cusroma.net	special sporting offers
Music and concerts (IUC – <i>Istituzione Universitaria Concerti</i>)	Concerts in Aula Magna inside the Rectorate Building (classical, contemporary, jazz and baroque music)	Address: Lungotevere Flaminio, 50 Opening hours: from Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Web site: www.concertiuc.it E-mail: botteghino@istituzioneuniversitariadeiconcerti.it T 063610051-2; F 0636001511	Special offers for season tickets and discounts for tickets
Chorus Franco Maria	Concerts	Web site: www.corosaraceni.org www.myspace.com/corosaraceni	Free of charge

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MuSa (<i>Musica Sapienza</i>)	Music events and concerts, bands and orchestras <i>Classical Musa</i> <i>Jazz Musa</i> <i>Chorus Musa</i>	Web site: www.uniroma1.it/sapienza/musica/MuSa E-mail: musica.sapienza@uniroma1.it eventisapienza@uniroma1.it T 0649910656 F 0649690360	Free of charge
University Theatre - Centro Teatro Ateneo	Theatre workshops and laboratories.	<i>Centro Teatro Ateneo:</i> Viale delle Scienze, 1/3; T 0649914108 http://w3.uniroma1.it/cta/	Free of charge
Theatron – Ancient Theatre at Sapienza	Translation and mise-en-scene of Greek and Latin dramas	Web site: www.theatron.it E-mail: theatron@uniroma1.it T 0649910656 F 0649690360	Free of charge
AGIS Lazio Theatre	At this box office you can purchase tickets for forthcoming performances at reduced prices for more than 40 theatres in Rome.	University Campus (entrance from: Viale Regina Elena 334) Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12 – 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. T 0697276594 E-mail: biglietteria.roma1@libero.it	Special reduced prices
Cinema	A lot of cinemas offer special reduced tickets for students of Sapienza University, among them: Barberini, Ciak, Lux, Odeon, Alhambra, Tibur, Empire, Royal, Broadway, Admiral, Ambassade, Reale, Gregory, Roma, Sala Troisi, Adriano, Atlantic.	Further information on: www.cinemadiroma.it E-mail: info@cinemadiroma.it T 0686391361	Entrance ticket: special reduced price
Test Center ECDL & EUCIP	IT Certifications, such as ECDL and EUCIP	University Test Center: Istituto G. Galilei Viale Manzoni 34A, Roma Web site: http://ecdل.cabi.uniroma1.it/ T/F 067008473	Special course price reduction for students
Help, support and psychological counselling	Centres for clinical and psychological counselling in the Campus	Via De Lollis, 24/bis Opening hours : Monday (9 a.m.-2 p.m.) Tuesday (2 p.m.-7 p.m.) Wednesday (9 a.m.-2 p.m.) Thursday (9 a.m.-7 p.m.) Web page: www.uniroma1.it/counselling E-mail: counselling.psicologico@laziiodisu.it ; T 0649707662 Villa Tiburtina - Via Casal dei Pazzi, 16 Web page : http://w3.uniroma1.it/fattivivo/?page_id=2 E-mail: fattivivo@uniroma1.it T 0640800589 – 0640802390 F 064070447	Free of charge
GONG: a support, help and information team in Food Sciences, Nutrition and Gastronomy field	This service provides information concerning Food and Nutrition Studies and Gastronomy. It helps students in learning the better eating habits.	Web page: http://www.dssp.uniroma1.it	Free of charge
Bank and Postal		Unicredit Banca di Roma - Agency n. 153 University Campus (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5)	

service		<p>Opening hours: from Monday to Friday 8.25 a.m. – 13.35 p.m. and 14.30 p.m. – 15.50 p.m. Web site: www.bancaroma.it/site/index.asp T 064927191 F 064927191</p> <p>Post Office on Campus University Campus (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5) Opening hours: from Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. T 06 490703</p>	
University Chapel		<p>Address: University Campus, Piazzale Aldo Moro 5 Web page: www.uniroma1.it/sapienza/cappella E-mail: sapienza@gesuiti.it T 0649914670; F 0649914283</p>	

ERASMUS AT SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY

How to apply

All the necessary and requested documents to apply to the University are available at: www.uniroma1.it/students-coming-sapienza.

A scientific and administrative Erasmus staff at Faculty level (Scientific Responsibles, Agreement Promoters, Administrative officers, Erasmus corners) assists the Erasmus students and provides them with advice and information related to academic and administrative matters (contact details at www.uniroma1.it/internazionale/studiare-e-lavorare-alleestero/erasmus/gestione-accordi-e-mobilita3a0/raef).

BEFORE LEAVING:

1. NOMINATION

Your Home University has to send an official nomination to spi@uniroma1.it according to our application procedures, available at <http://www.uniroma1.it/students-coming-sapienza>.

No application will be accepted without a prior nomination from your Home University.

2. Fill your ONLINE APPLICATION FORM in.

You will receive, by e-mail, a login code useful to fill your online application form in. After confirming and printing your application form, you will receive a username and a provisional password to access the Infostud service (*Sapienza* student information system). At this stage, your registration number (“matricola”) is not active: you have to change your password but you cannot access other Infostud services. Your registration number will be completely active only once you arrive in Rome and get your Erasmus student card in the Erasmus office of your receiving Faculty.

3. Send the REQUIRED DOCUMENTS to your receiving Faculty.

- Two copies of your application form
- Your learning agreement

- Your latest Transcript of records

The above mentioned documents have to be signed and stamped by your Erasmus Coordinator and should reach your receiving Faculties within our deadlines (www.uniroma1.it/internazionale/studiare-e-lavorare-allestero/erasmus/gestione-accordi-e-mobilita3a0/raef)

4. Wait for your LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, that will be issued by the Erasmus Office of your Faculty at Sapienza.

ON ARRIVAL:

Once arrived in Rome, you should contact the Erasmus Office of your receiving Faculty (www.uniroma1.it/internazionale/studiare-e-lavorare-allestero/erasmus/gestione-accordi-e-mobilita3a0/raef) as soon as possible, in order to complete the registration process; **otherwise you will not be able to take exams.**

At the Erasmus Office you will be given information about enrolment, syllabus, exams, courses, timetable, etc. and you will obtain your Erasmus card and a document called *Scheda studente*, that will allow you to receive the ADISU card to benefit from our University canteen service.

Please, note that **it is absolutely necessary to register as Erasmus student on your arrival in Rome in order to activate your registration number (“matricola”)**. Using your registration number, you can enrol in the exams. In order to enter the system, please go to <http://www.uniroma1.it/studenti>

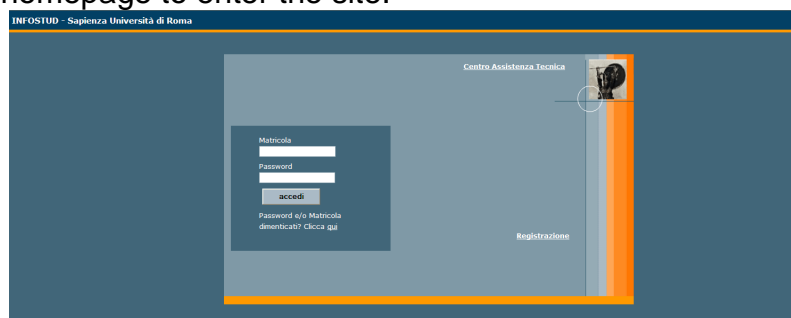


Picture 1 – Sapienza website

and click on “Accedi al sistema”

You can also access directly from <https://stud.infostud.uniroma1.it/>.

Herewith the homepage to enter the site:



Picture 2 – Infostud homepage

In order to access the system, you have to insert your registration number and password.

If you forgot your password but you know your registration number, you can retrieve your password from <https://stud.infostud.uniroma1.it/Sest/ModPwd2/reset.jsp>

Main page

Once you enter the system, the following page is displayed:



Picture 3 – Main page

As an Erasmus student, you can only use the following services: DATI UTENTE (student's personal data), PRENOTAZIONE ESAME (enrolment in exams) and VISUALIZZA ESAMI (exams' list).

In the section DATI UTENTE, you can change your password to access Infostud.

In the section PRENOTAZIONE ESAME, you can enrol in exams.

In the section VISUALIZZA ESAMI, the exams you have taken are displayed.

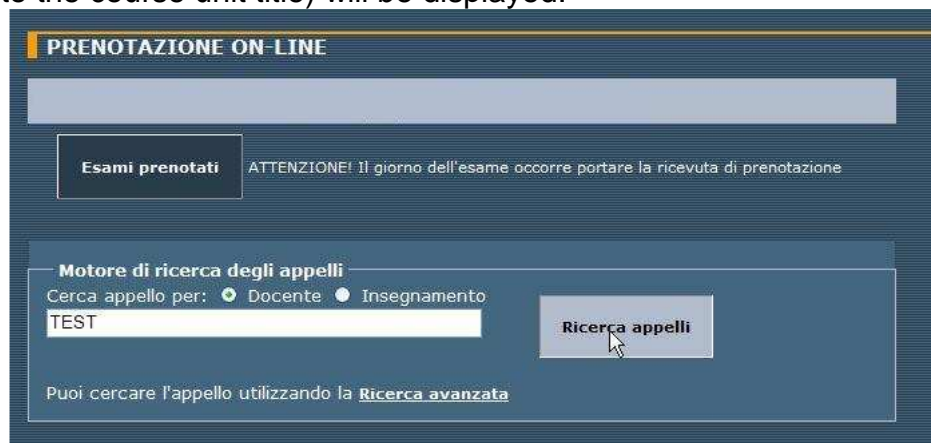
Enrolment in exams

If you click on PRENOTAZIONE ESAME, you can search for the exam session you need to enrol in (Picture 4).

You can search the exam session by inserting the professor's surname or the course unit title:

If you search by inserting the professor's surname, select the field "Docente" (professor) and insert the professor's surname, then click on "Ricerca Appelli": all the exam sessions (related to the professor's surname) will be displayed.

If you search by inserting the course unit title, select the field "Insegnamento" and insert the course unit title, then click on "Ricerca Appelli": all the exam sessions (related to the course unit title) will be displayed.



Picture 4 – Search by inserting the professor's surname

In both cases click on “Prenota” to enrol in the exams.

N. Verb.	Corso di Studi	Insegnamento	Docente	Facoltà	A.A.	Appello del	Iniz. pren.	Fine pren.	Azione
240053	ARCHITETTURA U.E. [LSCU (DM 509/99) - ORDIN. 2002] (codice: 00528)	TEST TEST TEST (cod. 1016298 - - - ann: 1, canale: NESSUNA CANALIZZAZIONE)	TEST TEST 22	ARCHITETTURA	2011/2012	22 feb 2012	25 set 2011	24 dic 2011	Prenota
240053	ARCHITETTURA U.E. [LSCU (DM 509/99) - ORDIN. 2002] (codice: 00528)	SCIENZA DELLE COSTRUZIONI (cod. T15036 - ICAR/08 - cfu: 8, canale: NESSUNA CANALIZZAZIONE)	TEST TEST 22	ARCHITETTURA	2011/2012	22 feb 2012	25 set 2011	24 dic 2011	Prenota
240053	ARCHITETTURA U.E. [LSCU (DM 509/99) - ORDIN. 2007] (codice: 12385)	SCIENZA DELLE COSTRUZIONI (cod. T15036 - ICAR/08 - cfu: 8, canale: NESSUNA CANALIZZAZIONE)	TEST TEST 22	ARCHITETTURA	2011/2012	22 feb 2012	25 set 2011	24 dic 2011	Prenota

Picture 5 – Enrolment

After the enrolment you can read the list of the exams you have chosen (“Elenco delle prenotazioni effettuate”), and print (“Stampa”) the receipt you have to show the professor the day of the exam.

N. pren.	Verbale	Corso di Studi	Insegnamento	Docente	Facoltà	A. A.	Appello del	Data Prenotazione	Esame previsto per il	Azione
2	240053	ARCHITETTURA U.E. [LSCU (DM 509/99) - ORDIN. 2002] (codice: 00528)	TEST TEST TEST (cod. 1016298 - - - ann: 1, canale: NESSUNA CANALIZZAZIONE)	TEST TEST 22	ARCHITETTURA	2011/2012	22 feb 2012	02 dic 2011	-	Cancella Stampa

Picture 6 – Print the receipt

In the section *Azione* the following services are available:

“Stampa”: to print the receipt of the exam.

“Cancella”: to erase the enrolment.

“Note”: in case there are further communications by the professor

USEFUL DOCUMENTS FOR LIFE IN ROME (AND AT SAPIENZA!):

- IDENTITY CARD or PASSPORT

- CODICE FISCALE: It is a personal number for tax purposes required to open a bank account and to get the ADISU card for University canteen services. In order to get it, you should contact the Erasmus Student Network (www.esn-roma.it)

- ADISU CARD: This card allows you to benefit from University canteen service. In order to get it, you should go to *Laziodisu Office* and bring: your *codice fiscale*, your Erasmus card and the *Scheda studente*.

Laziodisu Office: Via Cesare de Lollis, 24/b

Office hours: from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- HEALTH INSURANCE

You are supposed to travel to Italy with your European Health Insurance Card. This card will give you access to healthcare public sector in accordance with Italian legislation, but of course it does not cover you for healthcare private sector.

Sapienza Liability Insurance indemnifies Erasmus incoming students at Sapienza University, in case any loss, damage and/or injury occurs.

- RESIDENCE PERMIT, REGISTRATION TO LOCAL ANAGRAFE AND VISA

European citizens:

European citizens do not need a residence permit nor a visa: EU citizens who wish to stay in Italy for a period exceeding 3 should report their presence on Italian territory to the local Police authorities filling in a specific form (further information at: www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/10930/)

Non-European citizens:

Non-European citizens should apply for a visa: please, note that is issued by the Italian Embassies and consular posts in your country of origin or permanent residence and therefore you cannot apply for a visa (or for an extension of its validity) while you are in Italy.

There are different types of visa according to the purposes. Detailed information about visa is available at www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/10620/

Once arrived in Italy, if you are planning to stay for a period exceeding three months, you must apply for a residence permit (further information at: www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/view/10716/).

ON DEPARTURE:

Before leaving, do not forget to collect at the Erasmus Office your Certificate of Attendance and your Transcript of records (as well as other possible documents).

If you attended an Italian Language Course, you will receive your certificate.

Accommodation

Students coming to Rome could look for a room in the private market.

Together with the login code to fill the online application form in, students will receive (by e-mail) a username and a password to access the advertisements of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), which manages the *Progetto Casa* (www.esn-roma.it - info@esn-roma.it).

Other advertisements are published by *Laziodisu – Agenzia degli Affitti* at www.laziodisu.it/default.asp?id=603 and *AffittoRoma.it* at www.affittostudentiroma.it. Sapienza University also signed an agreement with the B&B “Aedes Placida”, where you can stay during your first days in Rome at reduced prices. “Aedes Placida” is situated in Via Como, 45/Via Pavia,23: you will find further information at www.aedesplacida.it

We also suggest you to look at the flat-share notices on the boards around the Campus and in your receiving Faculty or in the local newspapers, such as “Porta Portese”, which is issued on Tuesday and Friday and is also available online on www.portaportese.it (click on “Immobiliare” and then “Affitto-Subaffitto”), “Wanted in Rome”, that is an advertising guide published every two weeks and on sale in some distribution points (www.wantedinrome.com), “Più Case” (www.piucase.it), etc.

Prices for a private room in an apartment, shared with other students, range from a minimum of 350,00/400,00 to a maximum of 500,00/550,00 euros per month (these indications derive from a study of advertisements published on newspapers and web sites). Of course, prices differ depending on the location and on the distance

from the University. Please note that you can be required to pay a deposit of one to three months' rent when you start renting the room.

During your first days in Rome while looking for a room, you can find an accommodation at youth hostels, Bed & Breakfast, Residences and Hotels (information on www.turismoroma.it).

Otherwise, you can consider the possibility to swap your room: "Room Swap" will put you in touch with room owners in Rome, in return for making your room in your country available (further information on: www.room-swap.com).

Free Italian language courses

For Erasmus incoming students, Sapienza University organizes Italian language courses free of charge (www.uniroma1.it/students-coming-sapienza). In order to enrol in the courses, the incoming Erasmus students need to fill in the proper section of their online application form (using their login code), within our deadlines (www.uniroma1.it/internazionale/studiare-e-lavorare-allestero/erasmus/students-coming-sapienza/administrative) and take a placement test. Students who cannot attend the placement test for valid reasons are required to contact the coordinator of the courses before the test.

Students who attended the whole number of requested hours and passed the final test will obtain an attendance certificate.

Student organizations and free time

Numerous students groups, clubs and organizations operate at the University to help international students in their everyday life and to make their stay at the University as fruitful and pleasant as possible. Among them: Erasmus Student Network (ESN-Roma: www.esn-roma.it), Board of European Studies of Technology (BEST-Roma: www.bestroma.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION ON LIFE IN ROME

The city

Rome is rich in tradition and history. There are countless historic sites, monuments, churches, museums, Renaissance Palaces, enchanting parks, and gardens, and many other places of interest. The historical centre of Rome, the properties of the Holy See in Rome enjoying extraterritorial rights, and the properties and monuments within the walls of Urban VIII have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List (www.sitiunesco.it).

For updated information visit the following web-sites: www.comune.roma.it, www.turismoroma.it

How to get to Rome

"Leonardo da Vinci" Airport (Fiumicino - FCO) is well connected to the city centre during the day by a direct train and lower trains.

The “Leonardo express” service reaches Termini, the main train station in Rome, without intermediate stations. The ticket costs € 14,00 and the journey time is around 30 minutes.

A cheaper way to reach your destination in Rome is to take the Fara Sabina – Fiumicino line (train route Fr1): the ticket costs €8,00, the journey lasts around 50 minutes and the train stops in some of the main stations in Rome (Tiburtina, Tuscolana, Ostiense, Trastevere).

If you prefer to travel to Rome by bus, you can take a Cotral bus, leading to Ostia Lido, Roma Tiburtina, Roma Cornelia or Roma Magliana for € 5,00 (www.cotralspa.it) or a Shuttle bus to Termini station for € 5,00 (www.sitbusshuttle.it).

A taxi service from Terminals 1,2,3 and 5 is also available: the price for a ride from Fiumicino Airport to the city centre is about € 45,00 (for destinations in the central area of Rome). Please, note that the cars for the taxi service are white and can be recognized by the sign "TAXI" on the car top and by the identifying licence number on the doors, on the back and inside the car.

If your flight lands to Ciampino Airport "G.B. Pastine" (CIA), you can take a bus to reach the city centre. There are different bus lines leaving from Ciampino Airport: Atral (www.atral-lazio.com), Cotral (www.cotralspa.it), Sit (www.sitbus.com), Terravision (www.terravision.eu), Schiaffini (www.schiaffini.it).

For detailed information about timetable and prices, please visit the corresponding web-site.

The taxi service from Ciampino Airport to the city centre is about € 35,00.

The nearest railway station to Ciampino Airport is “Ciampino Città”: the station is connected to the airport by the buses Cotral/Schiaffini every 30 minutes. The journey lasts about 5 minutes and the ticket costs € 1,00 and is sold by authorized personnel on the bus and at the station. From “Ciampino Città” station, you can take a train to Termini station.

For further information about “Leonardo da Vinci” Airport and “Ciampino” Airport, please visit the following web-site: www.adr.it

Practical information

Trains

Termini is Rome's main station. Right outside the station, in Piazza dei Cinquecento, there is the largest bus terminal in Rome and the access to the city's three Underground lines (A, B and B1).

Tiburtina is the second biggest train station in Rome and it is on the underground B line. It is also well connected to the city centre by buses.

Other central stations in Rome are Trastevere and Ostiense.

For further information about train service in Rome and in Italy, please visit the official web-site: www.fsitaliane.it

Buses

The main bus terminal in Rome is located in Tiburtina station, where national and international buses leave.

You can find information on international lines on www.eurolines.it

Travel in Rome

Public transport

Atac is Rome's public transport system, which incorporates different types of transport service: underground, urban trains (*treno metropolitano*), buses and trams.

There are different types of tickets: the cheaper option is BIT (Integrated Time Ticket): it costs € 1,50 and it can be used on all buses, subways and trams in Rome. You must always validate your ticket at the beginning of your journey and it will be valid for 100 minutes (please, note that it is valid only for 1 ride on the subway or 1 ride on an urban train).

You can also buy monthly or annual pass.

Further information on: www.atac.roma.it

Taxis

The official vehicles of the taxi service in Rome are white with the sign "TAXI" on the car top.

Taxis can be easily found everywhere in the city especially at taxi parking areas. The Rome city council's number to call a taxi is 060609 (an automatic system will ask you to dial the number of the town hall where you are in order to choose the closest taxi stop), otherwise you can call a taxi using Radio Taxi service (06 3570).

Further information about taxis on www.viviromaintaxi.eu/index-eng.php

Banks

Banks are usually open from Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. In the afternoons, the bank opening hours vary according to the bank, but they are usually open from 2.30 p.m. or 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. or 4.30 pm. Some banks are open non-stop from 8.30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and/or on Saturday mornings.

They are located throughout the city and at the main railways stations. A bank is also located in the Campus.

Exchange

Euro is the standard currency unit for Italy.

There are 8 euro coins denominated in 2 and 1 euros; 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 cents and 7 euro notes denominated in 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 euros.

Credit cards

In Rome shops are almost always provided with credit card service. By the way, we point out that some small shops, stalls in markets, rooms for rent or bed & breakfast may be not provided with credit card service.

Phone service

Telephones that take coins have become very rare in Italy. You can find them in Termini station, in some bars, hotels and metro stations. Otherwise, you need to buy a phone-card available in any tobacconist's, post office, most newsstands and some bars. International calls can be made from any telephone box, either using an Italian card or your own calling/credit card.

The cheaper way to call abroad is to call from Internet points, that usually offer also telephone service.

To call abroad you have to dial the following sequence: 00+ country code + area code + local number.

Postal service

In the centre of Rome several post offices are open from Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., and on Saturday mornings from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (information on www.poste.it).

Shops

Opening hours vary but shops usually open from around 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Many larger stores and supermarkets are also open until 9 or 10 p.m. and sometimes on Sunday.

Climate

Temperatures in Rome is usually mild during the year, with heat rising in July and August.

Even in winter, temperature is pleasant: it rarely drops below zero, while rainfalls are quite frequent between December and January.

Place of Worship

The main religion in Italy is Catholicism. Nevertheless, Rome also offers churches and places of worship for multiple other faiths and credos (www.romamultiethnica.it).

Entertainments and free time activities

Rome offers a variety of entertainments and events: theatres, cinemas, museums, concerts, guided tours, sport events etc. Rome is full of bars, restaurants, discotheques, pubs, cafes, etc. as well.

We suggest you to visit the following web-sites to get detailed information about entertainment: www.turismoroma.it and www.romace.it

You can also ask to the tourist authority stands located throughout the city or buy a magazine called "Roma c'è".

Also the University offers many and different cultural activities (concerts, theatres, cinema, cultural events etc): detailed information on www.uniroma1.it/sapienza

Out of Town

For more information to discover Rome and its surroundings, visit these web-sites: www.romaepiu.it, www.turismoroma.it/cosa-fare-categorie/gite-fuori-porta?lang=en and www.regione.lazio.it/web2/main