

HOUSING BOOKLET



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Students may elect for The American University of Rome to arrange housing on their behalf or may choose to make their own housing arrangements.

Students electing university-facilitated housing are placed in furnished apartments in areas surrounding the university campus.

Further details of the housing options available as well as the application and payment forms can be obtained from AUR Admissions or from your Study Abroad Office.

DESCRIPTION OF HOUSING PROGRAM

Roman Apartment/Condominium: *Casa Romana*

Students electing university-facilitated housing are placed in furnished apartments in areas surrounding the university campus. The apartments are located in traditional, well established neighborhoods. This housing is well suited for students looking for a "full immersion" cultural experience. While apartments are standardized in terms of basic amenities, they can vary greatly in terms of both proximity to the university and aesthetics. Students must understand that university housing is Italian by nature in every way, including but not limited to its structure, surroundings, utilities and utility providers, furnishings, building maintenance, construction and repairs, neighbors and common rules of good neighbor etiquette.

There is generally only one (or a small number of) student apartment unit(s) per building and neighboring residents is typical Italian families who own their apartments. Most apartments have 2-3 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Bedrooms are typically double-occupancy. Each apartment is equipped with basic furnishings and supplies, including one single bed per student, bed linens and towels, closet/clothing storage space, typical basic Italian cookware and kitchenware, a table and chairs and furnished sitting area. Desks are to be shared by all occupants. Each student is expected to provide his/her own paper and cleaning products as well as replace light bulbs. All units are provided with a washing machine.

All apartments are equipped with a personal computer (PC) and have unlimited, no additional cost access to the Internet as well as wireless access for those with wireless-ready laptops. A landline phone will be provided which will provide unlimited calls to landlines within Italy. Calls to cellular phones and calls outside of Italy incur additional cost and can be affected with the use of a calling card. Unlimited incoming calls may be received without incurring any additional cost. Computer and phone are shared among unit residents. (Please note: the apartment computer is not meant to serve as the primary academic support resource for the occupants; the university maintains a library and computer lab for these purposes.)

All apartments are same-sex, non-smoking environments.

Apartments are located in areas of Rome convenient to the university campus.

All apartments are either within walking distance or conveniently located to public transit routes relative to the university. Travel times to the university vary but generally range between 15 and 35 minutes. Variances in transit times largely depend on bus frequency and local traffic. Many apartments are directly accessible by one direct bus line, while others require a change. Some apartments are located within walking distance of the university. Detailed travel instructions to/from the university and an initial supply of public transportation tickets will be provided upon arrival.

Students are assisted with maintenance and other issues that may arise during the occupancy.

Apartments are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. A single-name roommate request will be taken into consideration but is not guaranteed in any way. Apartment living is not conducive to established social groupings.

**FURTHER DETAILS OF THE HOUSING PROGRAM
AS WELL AS THE APPLICATION AND PAYMENT FORMS
CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AN AUR ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR
OR FROM YOUR STUDY ABROAD OFFICE.**

ALTERNATIVE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

Students who do not wish to contract for a place in university-arranged housing is free to make their own housing arrangements. The American University of Rome is not responsible, in any manner, for any private housing arrangements.

Students should be aware that finding independent accommodation in Rome is not impossible, but does require a considerable amount of effort on the part of the student.

- Plan to arrive in Rome well before the start of the semester. It is difficult to look for an apartment at the same time as dealing with course registration and getting used to a new environment. Apartment seekers need to be aware that many businesses (including most real estate services) are closed for the month of August.
- AUR does not have staff available for translation, negotiation or trouble-shooting purposes. ***Students are responsible for their own arrangements.***
- "Homestays" with an Italian family are very rare in Rome.

Common American conveniences students have told us they missed here in Italy:

More storage space	More warm water	More heat
Central air and heat	Unlimited electrical supply	Bigger beds
Bigger showers and tubs	Clothes dryers	Bigger fridges
Distance from neighbors	Spacious kitchens	Elevators
Electric stoves and ovens	Better water pressure	Screen windows
More reliable internet/phones	Garbage disposals	Dish washers
More electrical outlets	Larger toilet tanks	Sidewalks
American style plumbing	Spacious kitchens	Screen windows
Box spring mattresses	24 hours store openings	Ice

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