

# **HOUSING BOOKLET**

## **Spring Semester 2010**



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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. The particulars of the housing options available are detailed in this booklet.

Forms for application to AUR Facilitated Housing as well as information concerning fees can be obtained directly from your Study Abroad Coordinator or AUR Admissions Office. Students not applying for university facilitated housing must still complete a housing form.

## DESCRIPTION OF SPRING 2010 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 are 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, when available, 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. Most apartment units are provided with a washing machine.

It is anticipated that most apartments will be 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. In most cases, 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 effected 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: Trastevere, Monteverde, Giancolense and Colli Portuense, all desirable residential neighborhoods. Compared to other parts of Rome, they have more green areas, better access to public transport and are conveniently located to the historic center of Rome.

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.

### **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
Ice	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	

## ALTERNATIVE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

Students who do not wish to contract for a place in university-arranged housing are 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.

	Students per Unit	Max Students per Bedroom	Bathrooms per Unit	Student to Bathroom Ratio	PC	Free Internet Access	Wireless	Landline Phone	TV	Cleaning Service *	Dishes, Laundry and Trash Removal	Washer
<b>Roman Apartment/Condominium</b>												
<b>Casa Romana</b>	4, 5 or 6	2	1 or 2	never more than 4/1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Twice weekly	No	Yes

**NB: All information was current as of September 30, 2009 and is subject to change.**

\* Dishes, laundry and trash removal *not* included.

\*\* Rates may change after the November deadline.

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