
PROGRAM LEADERS

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COURSES

Students will receive 6 credit hours in this program. One 3-hour course offered by WKU and one 3-hour course offered by The American University of Rome (AUR). Ask Dr. Langton about course equivalencies. For more information on AUR: www.aur.edu/

WKU course: PJ 131 | Introduction to Photography *Colonnade

AUR course: TBD

ACCOMMODATIONS

AUR - on-campus housing

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This course, PJ 131, (a Colonnade approved course) will create an environment of engagement between students and the city and people of Rome and its surrounding communities while teaching basic and more advanced concepts of photographic storytelling through a hands-on approach. Students will be required to actively seek community interaction and content that reflects the Roman culture and its people. The course will require extensive work “in the field” and some work in the lab. The course (and the program) is part of an agreement with the American University of Rome and includes access to their residence experts as well as an option to take one of the AUR courses in FILM studies that will count for a 300-level FILM course at WKU.

PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

PJ 131 – Introduction to Photography

- Demonstrate an understanding of how to create a photograph that combines strong aesthetics and storytelling content through the use and creation of the following:
 - Light
 - Composition
 - Motion
 - Moments
- Demonstrate an understanding of professional production and post-production values that includes grounding in ethical decision-making.
- Demonstrate a level of engagement with Rome and its inhabitants by producing work that focuses on its society, culture, history and people.
- Demonstrate basic teamwork abilities by working as part of a collaborative photography team for the final project.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of storytelling by conceiving and producing photographic content that conveys assigned story values.
- Demonstrate an ability to gather information for and to write strong captions.


- Demonstrate knowledge of the post-production process including being able to work at a basic level in Photoshop. (Each assignment will include a grading rubric that will evaluate technical proficiency; the assigned skill set -- light, composition, motion and moment, strength of content, post-production work, caption writing and level of engagement with the city and its inhabitants.)

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: Rome, Italy

ACADEMIC TERM & PROGRAM DATES: May 25 – June 26, 2020

ITINERARY (*subject to change*) for full itinerary see syllabus

 THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ROME		
Academic Calendar Summer I 2020 (May 28 - June 25, 2020)		
May		
Monday-Tuesday	25-26	Arrival days.
Wednesday	27	Mandatory orientation activities.
Thursday	28	Classes begin. Add/drop without a "W" recorded
Friday	29	Classes held. Add/drop (only Until 12 PM) without a "W" recorded
June		
Monday	1	Classes held.
Tuesday	2	Republic day. Italian national holiday. University closed.
Wednesday-Thursday	3-4	Classes held.
Monday-Thursday	8-11	Classes held.
Monday	15	Classes held. Deadline for Faculty to give academic feedback.
Tuesday	16	Classes held.
Wednesday	17	Classes held. Last day to drop a course with a 'W' recorded.
Thursday	18	Classes held.
Monday-Tuesday	22-23	Classes held.
Wednesday	24	Last day of classes.
Thursday	25	Final Exams
Friday	26	Housing check out.

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

ELIGIBILITY

- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Student must be in good academic standing.
- Student must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Current WKU students eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure.
- Students must possess a passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by the Office of Student Conduct.

- Students who become ineligible to attend the program after applying due to disciplinary sanctions will be subject to standard program cost penalty rates. Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Study Abroad & Global Learning when they become aware of this ineligibility.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment is due prior to date of departure.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

By applying, you also acknowledge that the full cost is due before the program departure date, and you are reminded and encouraged to complete the FAFSA even if you have not received financial aid in the past.

If a student completes a program without full payment prior to the departure, the student should receive an incomplete until the obligation is paid. The Office of Study Abroad & Global Learning will inform faculty leaders if a student is in this situation prior to the term grade deadline.

BASE PACKAGE

Estimated Cost: \$6435

Included in Base Package

- Tuition for WKU 3 credit hour course – Introduction to Photography
- Tuition for AUR 3 credit hour course
- Round trip airfare to Rome, Italy from Nashville, TN
- Round trip transportation from the airport in Rome to AUR's campus
- Housing accommodations on AUR campus during program
- Use of all facilities on AUR campus (library, computer lab, classroom, medical, etc.)
- AUR Student Life services and activities
- Entrance fees for all program related activities and tips
- Course-related ground transportation
- For international programs: insurance that covers accidents, medical treatment, and trip interruption
- For domestic programs: accident insurance

Excluded from Base Package

- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel expenses (voluntary travel not required for course completion).
- Travel Cancellation Insurance
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Meals, services, and beverages not mentioned in the program, see syllabus
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program logistical changes based on the student's preference (as possible)

Faculty-Led Program courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts.

SAGL does its best to include all anticipated costs and contingencies in this Participation Contract. On occasion, the terms of this contract may change due to significant changes in programming or pricing.

LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program. **Please begin application process no later than 4 months prior to departure.**
- **Student Disability Services** - In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Student Accommodations Resource Center (SARC) on the first floor of Downing Student Union. Contact SARC at 270.745.5004. Please DO NOT request accommodations directly from the professor, instructor, or **Office of Study Abroad & Global Learning** without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.
- **Physical Requirements** - Rome is a great "walking" city and is smaller than we often assume so that covering the various areas of the city on foot is very doable but does require the ability to walk approximately 5 miles in a day. The public transportation system is substantial and can easily move those that are not able to walk the required distances to meeting points arranged prior to the class excursions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The student **must inform the Office of Study Abroad and Global Learning directly and in writing** (email accepted) if he or she chooses to withdraw from a program. No other statements of withdrawal will be considered as notification of withdrawal, therefore, the student will still be considered a program participant until this written notification is received. Withdrawal penalties will be based on the notification date as listed in the Terms and Conditions section of the Participation Contract.

<p>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</p> <p>February 1, 2020 - Priority Deadline. Program Fee will be charged to student's TopNet account (minus \$250 non-refundable deposit). Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment: Deposit Non-Refundable</p> <p>After February 1: 25% of program cost billable to student After March 1: 50% of program cost billable to student After April 1: 75% of program cost billable to student After May 1: 100% of program cost billable to student/(No refund)</p> <p>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</p>
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The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Faculty-Led program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Faculty-Led program's Participation Contract for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email study.abroad@wku.edu.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Western Kentucky University and its associates are not responsible for any loss due to theft, personal injury, flight or weather delays, negligence, or default of suppliers, or suppliers changing of itineraries. They and their associates are not responsible for any loss due to travel/flight delays or changes in travel plans due to Acts of Nature or other unforeseen circumstances, nor are we responsible for accidents and medical care. Tour services are furnished by independent contractors who are not agents or servants of Western Kentucky University. Refunds are not available for unused portions of the package.