Program Fee
As one of our most affordable programs, students participating in the Global Passport program pay just $600 plus airfare (additional tuition fees arise only if your course load exceeds 18 credits for the semester). The program fee includes on-campus accommodations, a welcome and farewell dinner, a partial meal plan, airport pick-up/drop-off, metro passes, and course-based excursions throughout Paris or Rome, as well as international health insurance.

Online Applications Open June 1.
The Global Passport program is a wonderful introduction to international education—and for only $600, it is also an incomparably affordable opportunity to live and study in Paris or Rome. For more information and our online application, please visit www.stjohns.edu/passport.

What Our Past Participants Say
“I absolutely loved the experience. While I was there, we visited many of the historical sites in Rome, including the Vatican and the Coliseum. As if that wasn’t enough, I was also able to roam the streets, find a favorite pizza place, and go to a few soccer games. It was the time of my life.” —Laura Van Vaketis, Communication Arts

“The experience opened my eyes to thinking on a global level. It gave me a taste of why it’s essential for every student to be encouraged to study abroad!” —Holly Fuller, Communication Arts

“It was an absolutely amazing experience. Not only did I develop my writing skills in the course, but I also had the opportunity to meet friends and make connections with people I may have never otherwise gotten the chance to know.” —Kristin Johansen, Marketing

“From the Eiffel Tower to the dozens of crepes to the friends I made, my time in Paris is something I’ll never forget. I saw things I thought I’d only come across in my dreams and learned, firsthand, just how incredible it is when the world becomes your classroom.” —Mitchell Petit-Frere, International Communication

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A Core Class with a European Twist

The Global Passport program takes you on a true academic adventure, allowing you to “globalize” your education from the very beginning of your St. John’s experience. You fulfill one of your regular first-year requirements—but in an innovative way—studying with top professors who incorporate on-site exploration of the historic and cultural riches of Paris, France, or Rome, Italy, into your course work. Your curriculum truly comes alive!

How Does It Work?

You enroll in a Passport course, which takes place in New York over the fall or spring semester, studying course content that engages two continents in preparation for your time in Paris or Rome. Then, at the conclusion of the term—in January or May—you continue your studies by immersing yourself in Paris or Rome for seven days with your classmates and faculty, putting a comparative spin on your semester’s work together. In addition, you receive one extra credit to represent your academic work in Europe.

A Closer Look at the Classes

Our Global Passport courses are uniquely structured to encourage critical thinking through immersion in new experiences—in New York and abroad. By working closely with St. John’s academic advisors, we meet the curricular needs of first-year students by offering courses that fulfill core requirements and put you one step closer to graduation. Take, for example, St. John’s signature Discover New York (DNY) class. As part of Global Passport, students enrolled in DNY explore New York through excursions into the city, then use that experience as a point of departure for better understanding Paris or Rome. In addition, each Passport professor takes a truly unique approach to the course material.

“DNY home, one of my versions of the course, asks students to see the city with new eyes,” said Heidi Upton, D.M.A., Associate Professor, Institute for Core Studies. “Students develop skills of careful, nuanced ‘noticing,’ and respond to what they see through creative means. When my students travel to Rome, they transfer these high-level skills to a new context, a new city. Already adept at seeking details that others might pass by, students in this course apply critical thinking to both the ancient ruins of Rome and the modern world that surrounds them.”

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St. John’s Campuses Abroad

While in Paris or Rome, students benefit from the safety and convenience you expect of a St. John’s campus—complete with up-to-date facilities and an experienced local staff. Each campus is fully equipped with modern classrooms, Wi-Fi, a computer room, air-conditioning, on-site laundry, and a student lounge. The Paris location is in the historic St. Germain district, while the Rome campus lies within walking distance of Vatican City. As in New York, safety is our top priority, with 24/7 on-site security, included local health insurance, and a bilingual residence life staff.

The Vincentian Experience Abroad

Not only do students focus on their academics in Paris and Rome, but they fulfill St. John’s mission of service by participating in service activities in each location. They have the opportunity to become better global citizens by feeding the homeless, working with refugees, or performing community service for the neighborhoods that welcome St. John’s students year after year. Many students find this to be the most impactful part of their time abroad.

At St. John’s University, we help our students achieve the most globally engaged education possible—from day one! The University’s dynamic and unique Global Passport program offers incoming first-year and transfer students the opportunity to spend part of their year living, learning, and serving abroad. With a subsidized program fee of just $600 (flights are purchased separately), Global Passport is emblematic of the University’s strong commitment to affordable international experiences, in keeping with our global mission.