ROME CAMPUS

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Government and Politics
ST. JOHN’S COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
THE PETER J. TOBIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ST. JOHN’S UNIVERSITY

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Today, St. John’s University offers programs in New York, Rome, Italy, and Paris, France.

ABOUT THE ROME CAMPUS

Established in the Eternal City in 1995, the Rome campus offers students from around the world a rewarding international educational experience. Rome is Italy’s center of government, politics, international organizations and multinational corporations. As a cultural capital, the city offers countless opportunities to explore the arts, including opera, music, theater and ballet. Its museums, churches and piazzas are world renowned. A new state-of-the-art campus, located in the historical Prati area, was inaugurated in 2008.

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M.A. Program in Government and Politics (Concentration in International Relations)

The Department of Government and Politics — in the Graduate Division of St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences — offers students the opportunity to complete the M.A. degree with a focus on International Relations at the University’s Rome campus. Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the State Education Department of New York, the program provides students with the analytical and research skills necessary to evaluate political issues and to function effectively in today’s complex global environment. Students are particularly well prepared for careers in the civil or foreign service, the public or private sectors, education or continued graduate studies.

For admission to the program, students are expected to have at least 24 undergraduate credits (eight courses) in political science. In lieu of this, subject to departmental review, students may be accepted with Special Student status and be required to complete conditional credits in the program.

Curriculum - International Relations Concentration

The majority of courses offered at the Rome campus fall within the International Relations and Comparative Politics field. The program consists of 11 courses (33 credits).

Course Requirements

- GOV 205 (Modern Political Research) which must be completed during the first year of matriculation
- Four courses from the International Relations or Comparative Politics offerings
- Two courses from your minor concentration (American Government, Public Administration, Political Theory, International Relations or Comparative Politics field)
- One course in Political Theory
- Remaining three courses in any government and politics field

Comprehensive Examination

Students pursuing either the thesis or non-thesis option are required to complete a Comprehensive Examination that tests the student’s knowledge in his/her field of concentration (International Relations or Comparative Politics). To register for the exam, students must complete the Graduate School application and meet with the Assistant Dean.
Study Options

Certificate in International Law and Diplomacy
The Department of Government and Politics offers students the opportunity to complete a Certificate in International Law and Diplomacy. This certificate can be obtained independently or as a complement to the master’s degree. Students who have already completed their M.A. in the department may continue to study for the certificate. Students can obtain this certificate by completing four courses in international relations and comparative politics and two courses in international law and diplomacy. Eligible students automatically receive this certificate upon conferral of their degree. The application requirements for the certificate are the same as for the M.A. program.

Internship Program
M.A. students at the Rome campus may apply for internships with several government agencies and international and nonprofit organizations located in the city (see page 8). Students may receive credit for an internship if they have at least 12 matriculated credits before applying. The Department approves a maximum of three credits per degree. We encourage all students to complete at least one internship during their time in Rome.

Thesis /Non-Thesis Option
The Department offers a thesis and non-thesis option. Students must meet the curriculum criteria for both options. If they choose to complete a thesis, they must enroll in two courses of Master Research as part of their degree requirements in place of two GOV courses. For the thesis option, students must present evidence of their knowledge of a foreign language, normally French or German, by passing the ETS examination. Upon the approval of the Department, another language may be substituted if deemed desirable due to the nature of the specialized field of research.
Master of Business Administration

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business has, for almost eight decades, consistently produced principled graduates known for their business acumen, leadership and vision. In response to a constantly changing multinational business environment, the College offers programs and insights that enable graduates to successfully chart their way through an increasingly challenging business landscape. Indeed, our alumni have made their marks in all areas of commerce — as entrepreneurs, small business owners and executives in both the for-profit and not-for-profit domains. Our long and distinguished history of excellence is built around the needs, interests and goals of the individual student. The College is at the forefront of management in a multinational context, as demonstrated by our global focus in courses and our campus in Rome, Italy.

The College is a professional school concerned with education in the theory and practice of business administration. It is accredited by the AACSB International — The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. AACSB International is recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the U.S. Department of Education as the sole accrediting agency for bachelor’s and master’s degree programs.

M.B.A. Concentrations

- International Finance
- International Business
- Marketing Management

The Master of Business Administration requires the completion of a minimum of 12 courses (36 credits) to a maximum of 18 courses (54 credits), taken on a full- or part-time basis. The total number of credits required is determined on an individual basis depending upon the applicant’s undergraduate background.

These courses are divided into:

- Eight required Waivable Core Courses...24 credits
- Four Concentration Courses..................12 credits
- Two Related Non-Field Courses ...............6 credits
- One International Elective Course.............3 credits
- One required Non-Waivable Core Course .....3 credits
- One Free Elective Course........................3 credits
- One Capstone Course...........................3 credits
Admission Requirements
Admission to the M.B.A. Program is open only to applicants holding a bachelor’s degree from accredited institutions who show promise of success in graduate business studies. Admissions criteria include undergraduate grade point average, performance on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), junior-senior grade point average, rank in collegiate graduating class, letters of recommendation, statement of professional goals and resume.

Program Opportunities

Graduate Executive-in-Residence Program (EIRP)
The Executive-in-Residence Program allows Tobin students to serve as consultants to actual for- and not-for-profit companies. Reporting to and guided by clients’ senior managers, students seek solutions to complex, real world business challenges. After meeting with organizational executives, students work in teams to develop strategic and/or business plans that are then presented to company executives. EIRP offers the challenge of independent and cooperative research and analysis as well as providing for the development of individual initiative.

Global Destination Studies Courses
Students in the Global Destination Studies courses explore a specific contemporary topic at their home campus (Rome, Italy, Queens, Manhattan or Staten Island in New York) and then travel from 10 days to two weeks to experience the global world of business first-hand. Destinations include countries in Asia, Europe and Latin America. This program is flexible enough to accommodate both our full- and part-time students.

London Seminar (FIN700)
Each May, a group of selected students visits London, England, for two weeks and has the opportunity to interact with executives from various financial houses.

Thesis Option
The thesis integrates academic knowledge and technical skills in a research task that is faculty-supervised. It provides an opportunity to plan and execute a research study while responding creatively to an intellectual challenge determined by the student’s own interests and specialization. The six-credit thesis option is recommended for students with a cumulative graduate index of 3.5 or better.

Internship Program
Students at the Rome campus are encouraged to participate in for-credit and not-for-credit internship projects. The administration has established internships with many multinational corporations and international organizations as well as charitable groups and small, local start-ups (see page 8). These opportunities offer ideal circumstances for the student to apply business skills and knowledge in a real-life context.
Global Students, Teamwork and Leadership

In Rome, graduate students from around the world are brought together in an environment that promotes interaction and understanding of different cultures. As organizations employ teams of individuals to seek solutions to problems, the graduate programs in Rome follow this approach by fostering teamwork to examine, investigate and solve problems. This method hones skills to persuade, encourage and motivate others. St. John’s graduates achieve success because they are trained to work and collaborate in a team-oriented environment led by faculty who encourage research, understanding and the resolution of current issues that face governments and corporations.

Global Faculty

With smaller than average class sizes, the Rome campus provides students the opportunity to learn and interact with the University’s professors. Faculty are a mix of senior-level faculty from the New York campuses and expert local European faculty who have experience working in the European market (for the M.B.A. Program). All professors are dedicated to providing quality education and training and have actual business and consulting experience.

The faculty has a distinguished record of achievement in research, publication and teaching that helps keep the University on the cutting edge of pedagogical issues.

Opportunity to Study at St. John’s Global Campuses

Your St. John’s education is designed to offer a truly international perspective. Since required courses are offered at various campuses, St. John’s students have the option to spend semesters at different campuses while completing graduate program studies. Rome students are encouraged to study abroad in New York for a semester in order to participate in an educational and professional experience incorporating both the European and U.S. models.

Service

At St. John’s University, service to the community is much more than a one-time volunteer experience; it is a lifetime commitment. Our desire to reach out to those in need is a direct extension of our Vincentian heritage and the mission of the University. We believe that giving back to the community teaches us lessons that can only be learned by serving and that deepen our faith. The Rome campus works closely with several international charities and organizations. All students are invited to explore our various service opportunities and our academic and scholarship programs that incorporate service.

Course Schedule, Time Requirements and Limitations

Graduate courses at the Rome campus are offered on a one- to two-year cycle, depending on the program. M.A. students who attend full time and need to satisfy the minimum requirements may complete the program in as little as one academic year, including summer sessions. M.B.A. students can complete the program in one to two years. Part-time students may take longer. All course work, research and examination requirements must be satisfied within five years for both programs.

Rome campus graduate courses are offered in fall, spring and summer semesters. Each semester is divided into two quarters (seven-week quarters in fall and spring, and five-week quarters in summer). Students may enroll in up to two courses each quarter. The graduate programs are designed with the working student in mind. Therefore, all classes are scheduled on Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday, in the evenings.

M.B.A. classes:
7 – 9:30 p.m. (7 – 10:30 p.m. in summer)

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Rome Campus Facilities
St. John’s Rome campus is in the heart of Rome, close to the Vatican and just one block from the Lepanto metro station and major bus lines. Important attractions such as Castel Sant’Angelo, Piazza del Popolo, the Spanish Steps and Piazza Navona are in walking distance. In the immediate area, restaurants, shopping, cinemas, parks and gyms are plentiful.

The campus is open to all non-resident students from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. The campus is equipped with several classrooms, two large lecture halls, a student lounge, library, computer lab and a central courtyard open to all students, faculty and administrators. Wifi internet is available throughout the building. There is 24-hour security, and a Residence Director and Graduate Resident Assistants who live on site.

On-Campus Housing
On-campus dormitory housing is available to all graduate students. The dorms, used predominantly for the SJU undergraduate programs, are located on the top two floors of the campus and housed in the same building as the classrooms and administrative offices. While it is not mandatory for graduate students to live on campus, single, double and triple rooms are available. Each room contains one or more single bed(s), desks, shelves and closets. On each floor there are bathrooms, in addition to a student lounge equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, sink area, table and chairs. There are two full kitchens available for use by all dorm students.

Alumni Network
Rome campus alumni continue to be important members of the St. John’s University community. Many alumni have provided consulting opportunities to students, encouraging their companies to recruit our recent graduates for internships and employment opportunities. Many graduates, who hold high-profile positions, return to campus to give lectures and to share experiences with current students.

International Student Services
The Rome campus becomes home to many international students during their graduate studies. To assist students with life on campus and in Italy, the campus administration offers various types of services to ease the transition. Assistance includes visa and permit processing, program orientation, a housing guide and referrals to community services and organizations. Most importantly, the administration is available to listen and to help with the day-to-day challenges that are part of living in a foreign country.
Internships — Career Services
The Rome campus has relationships with various international organizations, multinational corporations and government agencies in Rome and in Italy. Through these contacts, many internships are offered throughout the academic year. Some agencies and companies that have offered internships to St. John’s students include:

- Apco Worldwide
- Bioversity
- Gruppo Energent
- International Development and Law Organization (IDLO)
- KPMG
- UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
- UN International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- UN World Food Programme (WFP)
- US Embassy in Rome
- United Service Organizations (USO)
- Save the Children Italia

Seminar Series: Staying in Touch with the International Community
A seminar series is offered to enhance classroom education and to provide students the opportunity to network with global leaders. The speakers, from business, government and nonprofit fields, are selected in collaboration with the students’ needs and interests. Lectures are typically offered twice a semester and are open to graduate students from all programs.

Scholarships
Scholarship awards are competitive and are made on the basis of scholastic achievement, need, evidence of leadership, work experience and other personal characteristics which may add value to the academic and social atmosphere at St. John’s. Scholarships cover 25% of tuition costs. They are generally given to full-time students for the whole period of study, contingent on satisfactory work. To be considered for one of the scholarships, you must include a scholarship essay (in addition to your statement of objectives) in your application package, as well as our scholarship application, available upon request. Percentage scholarships are not retroactive to the semester of admission and will only cover tuition from the semester awarded, onward. Students holding tuition scholarships are required to pay the general fees and any other program fees required for specific courses. New Fall students also have the opportunity to apply for a one semester housing award. The cost of a shared room is $250 for the Fall semester only.

Graduate Assistantships
Graduate assistantships are competitive and are awarded to currently matriculated students who are present at the Rome campus. Full- and part-time assistantships are awarded on a semester basis to qualified students. These awards are based on academic achievement. Full- and half-tuition remission for up to four classes per semester is awarded, and all students must maintain a full-time study program. The renewal, contingent on satisfactory work, is at the discretion of the University.

Resident Assistantships
Resident Assistantship opportunities are offered to currently enrolled students on a semester basis. RAs work closely with the Residence Director and live on campus. The part-time position includes assisting with student arrival and departure days, serving as an emergency contact for students and enforcing campus policies and procedures. Knowledge of Italian is an advantage. Remuneration for work includes a single room in the residence and a meal plan.

U.S. Federal Loans for American Citizens
American students who are interested in studying in Rome are eligible to apply for federal graduate loans through the U.S. government. This process should be started in January and prior to receiving an acceptance to St. John’s University. The University deadline for filing the FAFSA application is February 1.
ADMISSION INFORMATION

The application form for admission to the Rome Graduate Programs can be downloaded from the Admission section of the St. John’s Web site: stjohns.edu/admission/graduate/apply

All Rome campus graduate applications are processed directly at the Queens campus.

Please send completed applications to:

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Application Deadlines
Fall Semester: May 15
Spring Semester: October 15
Summer Semester: March 15

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Online application (signed and submitted)
- Personal statement of objectives signed and dated
- Official college or university transcripts with conferral from all institutions that you attended. Must be in English and where not applicable, a legalized translation must be provided
- Two letters of recommendation in English
- M.B.A. applicants must provide official GMAT (code: JHQ-VQ-11) or GRE (code: 1654) results
- Official TOEFL / IELTS results (Only for students of non-native English speaking countries. Please see list of TOEFL-exempt countries at stjohns.edu/admission/international/requirements)
- Application fee of $70 USD (M.A.Program); $50 (M.B.A. Program)
- Resumé/CV
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