If tradition is at the heart of Notre Dame, there is no better place to understand it than Rome. While the city is dotted with ancient ruins, Biblical sites, and Renaissance works, so too does it contain renowned universities, libraries, and archives that are critical to progress, scholarship, and understanding.

In 1969, Notre Dame made a bold move to require all undergraduate architecture students to spend their third year in Rome. Fifty years later, architecture students are still residing, sketching, and studying in Rome each year. In 2001, undergraduates from other fields of study joined them.

The Rome Global Gateway officially opened in 2014 after restoration was complete on the beautiful Via Ostilia. Two years later, Notre Dame International and the Rome Global Gateway launched the Rome International Scholars Program for undergraduates pursuing independent research, internships, and coursework at Italian universities while living with Italian families. For graduate students, faculty, and scholars, the Gateway hosts dozens of seminars, lectures, and events, in addition to supporting research opportunities with its vast network of partner universities, research institutions, libraries, and archives.
Aligned with the University’s international mission, the Rome Global Gateway advances international research and education opportunities for Notre Dame’s scholarly communities. The Rome Gateway also promotes innovative initiatives and long-term collaborations designed to bring together Notre Dame students and faculty with universities and educational organizations in Italy, the Holy See, the Mediterranean, and Europe.
Notre Dame’s Rome Global Gateway consists of two buildings. The research, teaching, and learning facility is located in Via Ostilia, where classrooms, offices, and conference spaces are available all year long. The building welcomes groups from Notre Dame, external organizations, and the local community for events, conferences, lectures, and retreats. Two blocks from Via Ostilia, there is the Villa on the Celio, inaugurated in fall 2017. The Villa brings together undergraduate students from across the arts, sciences and architecture who have a shared interest in expanding their academic and cultural horizons through study in Rome.
ARCHITECTURE ROME STUDIES PROGRAM

All Notre Dame architecture students share the Rome experience, living within the cultural framework of a city that has been evolving for over 2,600 years to meet the demands of modern life. They live in a Roman neighborhood to authentically experience the complementary relationship between culture and the built environment. Students not only grow as architects but gain a better understanding of a culture shaped by its historic built environment.

To learn more, visit architecture.nd.edu/rome.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The Rome Gateway offers year-long, semester, and summer programs for undergraduate and graduate students in a variety of disciplines, ranging from architecture to the humanities, and engineering to sciences. Fundamental courses include All Roads Lead to Rome and community-based learning classes.

Professor Chiara Sbordoni with students in Chigi Chapel within the Basilica of Santa Maria del Popolo
The Rome Global Gateway serves as a hub for scholars in a variety of disciplines to conduct research in Rome. Recent research projects included unique collaborations with the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Aberdeen, and the American Academy in Rome.
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT
Visitors to the Gateway are encouraged to actively participate in Roman cultural and social life through community-based learning and volunteer activities, internships, language exchanges, spiritual development, and immersive experiences and excursions throughout the city. Partnerships with local institutions also offer collaborations in teaching and joint conferences, seminars, and events.

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS
The Rome Global Gateway’s prime location and convenient meeting spaces make it an ideal place to host academic conferences, lectures, and seminars. The Gateway welcomes groups from Notre Dame, other organizations, and the local community for such events.
The mission of the Villa is to foster an academically, culturally, and spiritually transformative study abroad experience for Notre Dame students in Rome. Its living-learning community establishes direct links between the residential, academic, and co-curricular activities of study abroad students in Rome.

Originally the property of a noble Roman family, the Villa served as a school and haven for the Jewish community of Rome from 1938 to 1940 when laws expelled Jewish students and teachers from Italian schools.

Based at the Villa, the Circolo La Navicella is a student-led academic society open to all Notre Dame students studying in Rome. It is the home for cultural debates and contests, and it offers students the opportunity to be proactive in proposing and leading extracurricular initiatives and learning experiences during their study abroad in Rome. The Circolo promotes and supports initiatives such as language mixers; study groups; visits to neighborhoods of Rome, museums, exhibits, archaeological sites, and monuments in Rome as well as other Italian cities; and attendance at opera, concerts, cinema and theater performances, as well as conferences on various cultural and academic topics in all fields.
The University of Notre Dame was founded in November 1842 by Rev. Edward F. Sorin, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, a French missionary order. It is located adjacent to South Bend, Indiana, the center of a metropolitan area with a population of more than 300,000. Notre Dame has grown from the vision of Father Sorin, who sought to establish a great Catholic university in America, and has remained faithful to both its religious and intellectual traditions. One of America’s leading undergraduate teaching institutions, Notre Dame has been at the forefront in research and scholarship.
“Let no one ever again say that we dreamed too small.”

—Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
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