



## **Dual Degree and Semester Abroad Programs in Rome, Italy at Roma Tre University**

Rome is an exciting metropolis mixing new generations with lost empires; where past and present join together in perfect harmony. Its architectural gems compete with a fast-paced city life, making Rome a spectacular backdrop for expanding your law education.

### **Institutional Overview- Roma Tre University**

Founded in 1992, [Roma Tre](#) is an innovative and dynamic law school ranked among the best in Italy. In the last five years, it has constantly been ranked between the third and the fifth among over 60 Italian law faculties. It serves as a learning center of reference both in Italy and abroad.

### **Dual-Degree LLM Program**

With the advent of this unique program, a select number of students are afforded the opportunity to study the common law system of the United States, as well as the civil law system of Italy. As lawyers, dual-degree graduates will have an opportunity to practice transactional law in the European Union, and to practice law in the United States and Italy.

NSU Law students attend classes in Italian at Roma Tre for one semester during their second year to study civil law. Following graduation from NSU Law, students return to Italy for a full year of study in Italian in Rome. Students that successfully complete all phases of the program will obtain both the Juris Doctor (JD) degree in the United States and the Laurea Magistrale di Giurisprudenza (Italian Law degree) in Italy.

Courses completed at either university count toward their home school degree. Italian fluency is required.

### **Semester Abroad Program**

NSU Law students can attend classes in English at Roma Tre for one semester during their Winter semester of their second year or Fall semester of their third year to study civil law. Courses completed at Roma Tre count toward the NSU Law degree. Foreign language fluency is not required.

## **Educational Objectives**

- Learn about a foreign legal and cultural system.
- Have a greater understanding of diverse cultures and legal systems in order to represent clients who either are from a diverse cultural background or are doing business with a foreign country more effectively.
- Raise awareness and obtain a different perspective of global legal issues by viewing the world through a new lens.
- Increase self-awareness by living in a foreign country.
- Interact with lawyers and students in order to become part of a global legal community

## **Application**

Second year NSU Law students must successfully complete the Selected Topics in Italian Law class taught during the first 2-3 weeks of the Fall semester. The class is taught in English. Students interested in the dual-degree program will receive separate assignments in Italian and meet privately with the visiting professor to assess Italian language fluency and capability to succeed in classes taught in Italian at Roma Tre University. A maximum of five NSU Law students can be selected each year to study at Roma Tre University based on performance in the Selected Topics class, overall academic performance at NSU Law, and an interview with the Associate Dean of International Programs and the Associate Director of International Programs. Last year, there weren't any NSU Law students who studied at Roma Tre University.

Upon acceptance, the student will be required to fill out a study abroad request that includes a written plan defining the educational objectives a student seeks to achieve during the period of study abroad.

## **Calendar**

**FALL SEMESTER:** generally the first week of October until right before the Christmas holiday. NSU Law students will be able to finish all required courses and exams in time to begin the Winter semester on the NSU campus.

**WINTER SEMESTER:** generally the first week of March until mid June, depending on exam schedules.

## **Courses**

NSU students at Roma Tre University have taken the following list of courses. NSU students generally receive 13-16 credits for work completed at Roma Tre University based on class selection. Classes will be transferred in as pass/fail credits and will not count in the NSU Law GPA.

- [European Judicial System](#)
- [European Competition Law](#)
- [European Union Transport Law](#)
- [International Business Contracts](#)
- [International Humanitarian Law](#)
- [Law & the Humanities](#)
- [State and Market in European Union Law](#)
- [International and EU Intellectual Property Law \(4 CFU\)](#)
- [International Environmental Law and Climate Change \(4 CFU\)](#)
- [TTIP: Opportunities and Critical Issues \(4CFU\)\(International Trade and Investment Law\) –](#)
- [Comparative Administrative Law](#)
- [Economic Analysis of Law](#)
- [Human Rights](#)
- [International Arbitration](#)
- [Law & the Humanities](#)
- [Legal Protection of Cultural Heritage](#)
- [Private Comparative Law](#)
- [Public Economics & Regulation](#)
- [Big Data. Internet of Things, Data Driven Innovation: Social Economic and Legal Aspects \(4 CFUs\)](#)
- [European Constitutions and the Safeguard of Fundamental Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty \(3 CFUs\)](#)
- [Introduction to European Consumer Law \(4 CFUs\)](#)
- [Legal Responses to Global Crime \(4 CFUs\)](#)

## **Registration**

Students will be registered into the NSU and Roma Tre systems. Before departure, students meet with the Associate Director Programs and Associate Dean of International Programs at NSU Law for counseling regarding course selection and credits. Upon arrival at Roma Tre University, students will meet with Professor Rebecca Spitzmiller for assistance with registration at Roma Tre University into the classes.

## **Cancellations**

Because you are taking classes at an established foreign university, it is not likely that your semester abroad program will be cancelled. In the event that is, you will be informed in a timely manner that the semester abroad program is no longer available.

## **Program Costs**

NSU students are charged full day tuition during Semester Abroad and Phase I Dual Degree semesters. NSU students in Phase II of the Dual Degree pay a reduced tuition, currently \$9,280.00 for the length of Phase II, broken into two to three semesters. Refunds are consistent with NSU and NSU Law Policy:

<http://nsulaw.nova.edu/intranet/students/student-services/documents/TUITIONREFUNDPOLICY.pdf>. Additional student fees may apply at both NSU and Roma Tre University.

## **Cost of Living**

Estimated cost of living in Rome:

Housing: \$500-\$1,500/month

Roundtrip Flight: \$1,400

Transportation: student's monthly pass to use public transportation in Rome costs around \$25

Books & Supplies \$500.00

Miscellaneous: \$2,000/semester

## **Financial Aid**

Financial aid is available for the semester abroad and dual degree programs. The estimated financial aid budget will take into consideration the different dates of attendance, cost of living, and airfare. You must meet with the financial aid office located in student services before leaving if you want to receive financial aid.

## **Housing**

NSU Law does not provide housing. Roma Tre University does not offer dormitory housing to NSU Law students. Public transportation is good and the law school is centrally located so there are opportunities for apartment rentals.

## **Health Insurance**

Students must provide proof of health insurance coverage for their program in Roma Tre University.

## **Visa**

Students must secure a student visa prior to departure from the United States. NSU will provide students a letter of admission from Roma Tre University, which is necessary for the visa application. Students should begin the application process immediately after receiving the letter to ensure proper time requirements of the visa. NSU students who live in Miami can apply through the Italian consulate in Miami.

[http://www.consmiami.esteri.it/consolato\\_miami/en/i\\_servizi/per\\_chi\\_si\\_reca\\_in\\_italia/](http://www.consmiami.esteri.it/consolato_miami/en/i_servizi/per_chi_si_reca_in_italia/)

## **International Travel Registration Program**

NSU students studying abroad must complete both the NSU Travel Registration process and the U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler registration. Links to both can be found here:

<http://www.nova.edu/internationalaffairs/travelreg/index.html>

## **Access for Individuals with Disabilities**

Levels of accessibility vary from country to country. Any NSU Law student with a disability will meet with the Associate Director of International Programs and our contacts at Roma Tre University prior to committing to attend the program to discuss accessibility issues on a school, city, and country level.

## **State Department Travel Information**

It is your responsibility to refer to the U.S. Department of State and read the Consular Information for the foreign country where you will be studying abroad and to keep abreast of any warnings issued by the State Department during your visit. Students are strongly advised to also read warnings for any other countries they plan to visit. Warnings are available at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

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