Rome Start Class of 2022  
New Student Orientation

BENVENUTI!  
Welcome to Loyola University Chicago & the John Felice Rome Center!  
We are so excited you are here!

As you start your Loyola Experience, we invite you to join us in an exciting series of events, programs, and trips with a new group of students. Your first days together as the Rome Start Class of 2022 – August 26-28 – are dedicated to providing you with opportunities to Build Community, to share necessary information for a smooth and successful start to your Loyola Experience. As you settle into the residence hall and become acquainted with your classmates, the JFRC staff and faculty, and the city of Roma, we will be with you along the way.

Your Orientation continues through Wednesday, 12 September, though it will be alongside students studying abroad for the semester or year. During the larger group Orientation, we will continue to offer activities and group meetings. We also invite you to participate in the two optional meals that are partially subsidized by the JFRC, offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The first of these is a group dinner hosted at a neighborhood restaurant. The second meal follows the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a special event that celebrates the start of the academic term and marks the closing of Orientation. Following the Mass, students will have a meal in the Centro Storico of Roma (which will cost €20). Although these meals are optional, we strongly encourage students to join the JFRC Community for a taste of Italian life, and to build relationships. During Orientation, students will be given an opportunity to register for one or both of these meals.

---

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Domenica, 26 Agosto 2018</th>
<th>Move-In Day</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>All day</strong></td>
<td>Rome Start Check-In and Move-In</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Students may register in the Student Union. The Student Union is where you pick up your keys and information packets, register for Orientation events, begin to prepare information regarding your Permit to Stay, and have general questions answered. Staff and Student Life Assistants (SLAs) will be present to answer questions and provide instructions related to move-in procedures. Italian Cell phones/SIM cards will also be distributed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>8:00 AM – 3:00 PM</strong></td>
<td>Rinaldo’s Coffee Bar open and serving food</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>3:00 PM</strong></td>
<td>Walking Tour of Balduina Neighborhood, Part I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>5:00 – 5:30 PM</strong></td>
<td>For Your First Night (Information Commons, Piano 0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>5:45 – 6:30 PM</strong></td>
<td>Community Mass (Sala Teatro, Piano 0) Fr. Dennis McNeilly will celebrate Mass in the Sala Teatro with JFRC faculty and staff. All are welcome.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>6:30 PM</strong></td>
<td>Buffet di Benvenuto &amp; Prosecco (Mensa, Piano -2) Students and their guests are invited to meet members of the JFRC community during a dinner reception.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>8:00 PM</strong></td>
<td>Building Tour &amp; Serata Libera (optional) Outing to Città del Vaticano (Vatican City) &amp; Old Bridge Gelateria with SLAs Nico &amp; Gabby.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Lunedì, 27 Agosto 2018  Giorno del JFRC

* Student Guests – accompanying family, loved ones, and friends – are welcome throughout the day. Evening events are reserved for the Rome Start student cohort.

9:00 AM  Colazione/ Breakfast (Rinaldo’s Bar, Piano -1)

10:00 AM  Students: Community Building (Information Commons, Piano 0) Together with Student Life Assistants, Rome Start students will continue Building Community.

10:00 AM  Parents & Guests: Q&A Session (Sala Felice, Piano 0) Dr. Michael Beazley, Dean of Rome Student Life, and Carla Mollica, Assistant Dean for Academic Programs, will be available to address questions. All parents and guests are welcome.

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  Orientation Sessions (Information Commons, Piano 0) A series of information sessions will introduce students to what the JFRC has to offer.

Welcome
Grace Xerri, Rome Start Program Coordinator

Academic Support Services & Educational Opportunities: Majors, Minor, & The Core
Carla Mollica, Assistant Dean for Academic Programs
Dr. Vicky Kynourgiopoulou, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

BREAK

Getting Involved & Staying Connected at JFRC
Dr. Michael Beazley, Dean of Rome Student Life

Technology, Resources, & Research at Loyola
Anne Wittrick, JFRC Librarian
Carla Mollica, Assistant Dean for Academic Programs

1:00 – 2:00 PM  Pranzo/ Lunch (Rinaldo’s Bar, Piano -1)
Students and guests are welcome to lunch in Rinaldo’s Bar.

2:00 – 3:00 PM  Wellness & Safety at JFRC
Dr. Michael Beazley, Dean of Rome Student Life

3:30 – 5:00 PM  Walking Tour of Balduina Neighborhood, Part II
Student Life Assistants – depart from the Portineria

5:30 – 6:00 PM  Director’s Welcome Address
Dr. Michael Andrews, Director of JFRC

6:30 PM  Una Serata nel Centro Storico
Students will venture into the Centro Storico using ATAC, Rome’s public transit system. This orientation to navigating the city on ATAC will help students establish their independence in Rome.

8:00 PM  Cena (Dinner) at Il Brillo Parlante
Martedì, 28 Agosto 2018        Giorno al Lago

8:30 AM         **Colazione** *(Rinaldo's Bar, Piano -2)*

9:00 AM        **Departure for Lago Bracciano**
Build a Rome Start Community and enjoy lunch while basking in the beauty of Lago Bracciano.

4:00 PM        **Depart for JFRC**
Free Time – Get ready to go out (semi-formal attire)

7:00 PM         **Class of 2022 Group Photo (Courtyard) & Depart for Loyola “1870” Banquet**

7:15 PM         **Depart for Stazione Balduina – Ostiense, Walk to La Villetta**

8:00 PM        **Loyola “1870” Banquet at La Villetta**

Mercoledì, 29 Agosto 2018   Giorno di Eredità Ignaziana

8:30 AM         **Colazione** *(Rinaldo's Bar, Piano -2)*

9:00 AM        **Tour of Ignatian Sites in Roma**
Fr. Rudolf Kutschera & Fr. Dennis McNelly will lead the Rome Start cohort through some of the most important sites in the history of the Society of Jesus. Bag lunch provided before leaving campus, lunch in Centro Storico.

4:00 – 8:30 PM    **Rome Start Evening of Service – Communità Sant'Egidio**
Meet Grace Xerri at Communità Sant'Egidio in Via Dandolo, 10.

9:00 PM         **Gelato Outing with SLAs (optional)**
Connect with the SLAs and Study Abroad students for gelato.

Giovedì, 30 Agosto 2018   Giorno di IKEA

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM:  **IKEA Trip**
*LUNCH NOT INCLUDED*

3:00 – 4:00 PM     **American Citizens Services Information & Safety Session**

4:00 – 5:15 PM   **Introduction to JFRC Community** *(Sala Felice, Piano 0)*

5:30 PM         **Convocation** *(Sala Felice, Piano 0)*
Dr. Michael Andrews, Director of the John Felice Rome Center will lead the Convocation, which represents a rite of passage for JFRC students to begin their new lives in Europe. Dr. Andrews, along with JFRC Administration, will officially welcome the Fall Class of 2018 together with the entire JFRC community. A dinner buffet will follow in Mensa.

6:00 PM         **Dinner Reception in Mensa** *(Piano -2)*
Sign up for Cena in Centro – bring €10 to Mensa. Sign up for Scavenger Hunt Team (up to 5 per team).

7:30 PM         **Centro Storico Scavenger Hunt (optional)**
Complete the checklist with accompanying photographs in a team of up to five (5). The winning team receives a cash prize.
Venerdì, 31 Agosto 2018

9:30 – 11:00 AM  Survival Italian Language Session  
Consult class lists posted on board at the Portineria (Reception Desk).

11:00 – 11:45 AM  Study Trip Presentation (Sala Felice, Piano 0)  
Study Trips are among the JFRC’s Crown Jewels. Hear from Student Life Assistants and Faculty Leaders of the semester’s offerings!

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  Bookstore Open

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM  Student Engagement Fair (Mensa, Piano -2)  
JFRC encourages its students to be active on and off-campus. Students should engage with, and be supportive of, their host neighborhood and city. Learn about Comitato Baldiunia and Casa Scalabrini, two local organizations with whom the JFRC partners for volunteerism; check out Glocalize, an organization dedicated to sharing Rome with study abroad students; and choose how you want to get involved on the JFRC campus for things like the JFRC Calcio League, Christian Life Communities, Student Activities Committee, or LGBT Club.

1:15 PM  Roaming Rome (Bag Lunch provided)  
With the Rome Student Life staff as your leaders, you will Roam Rome to sites of significance that will also help further orient you to the public transportation system, and see different parts of La Città Eterna. Bring two bus passes!

8:00 PM  Cena in Centro – Community Dinners in Rome (optional)  
Enjoy a meal at one of several restaurants in Centro Storico. After dinner you can return to the JFRC independent of the larger group; however, it is highly recommended that you return to the JFRC with at least one other person. This meal will cost €10. Sign-ups end Giovedì (Thursday) at dinner.

Sabato, 1 Settembre 2018  Giorno di Roma Antica

9:30 – 10:15 AM  Permesso di Soggiorno Workshop

10:30 – 11:30 AM  Roman Forum/Colosseo Presentation (Sala Felice, Piano 0)  
Dr. Alexander Evers, Associate Professor of Ancient History, will regale students about the significance and magnitude of the ancient fora in advance of the afternoon’s visit to Colosseo and Foro Romano.

12:30 PM  Departure for Colosseo and Roman Forum by bus  
Bag lunches will be provided to eat before entering the Colosseo. Do not bring large backpacks, purses, or bags.

7:30 – 9:00 PM  Cena (Dinner) in Mensa (Piano -2)

Domenica, 2 Settembre 2018  Giorno alla Spiaggia

8:00 – 9:00 AM  Study Trip Sign-up – Faculty Hallway (Piano 1)  
Signing up indicates agreement to pay deposit by Giovedì, 6 Settembre, or you risk losing your spot.

9:15 AM  Departure for Beach  
This day trip is part of Orientation activities and is required for all students.

12:30 – 2:00 PM  Community Pranzo at Beach (Lunch)

5:00 PM  Return to JFRC

6:00 – 7:30 PM  Cena (Dinner) in Mensa (Piano -2)

7:45 PM  Partnering College & University Student Meeting (Information Commons, Level 0)

9:00 PM  Mass  
Catholic Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Dennis McNeilly in the Sala Teatro. All are welcome to join.
Classes Begin

Lunedì, 3 Settembre 2018 – Giovedì, 6 Settembre 2018

8:00 – 11:00 AM  MANDATORY Permit to Stay Processing – Trip to Poste Italiane
&
3:30 PM – 6:00 PM  PLEASE MONITOR YOUR @LUC EMAIL FOR APPOINTMENT TIMES.

  PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORTS.
  APPOINTMENTS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.
  PROFESSORS ARE AWARE OF POTENTIAL ABSENCES.

9:00 – 10:00 AM  Bookstore Open
1:30 – 3:30 PM  Bookstore Open

Venerdì, 7 Settembre – Domenica, 9 Settembre 2018

Weekend Trip in Umbria
This is a compulsory trip for all JFRC students.

Do not schedule weekend plans on these dates. Students will receive a detailed itinerary during Orientation.
Meals, transport, and lodging are covered by JFRC. Destinations include Narni, Lago Trasimeno, Spoleto, and Montefalco.

6:45 AM (Venerdì, 7/9)  Depart from JFRC on Private Bus for Umbria
  PLEASE BE PROMPT.

Domenica, 9 Settembre 2018

8:00 PM  Approximate Return to JFRC
8:00 PM  Cena (Dinner) in Mensa (Piano -2)

Mercoledì, 12 Settembre 2018

7:00 PM  Mass of the Holy Spirit
  The JFRC Community will celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit at Chiesa Sant'Ignazio in Roma Centro. The Mass of the Holy Spirit is a tradition that initiates the academic semester and brings Orientation to a close. This optional celebration is open to all members of the JFRC community, regardless of their religious affiliation.

8:30 PM  Community Dinner
  Community dinner in the Centro Storico immediately follows the Mass. Students will pay €20, a partial cost.
  Students not participating at Mass can leave in a group from campus at 19:00 from Portineria.
  Students not participating in dinner will receive a voucher for Rinaldo’s Bar for dinner that night.

*Schedule subject to change