Spring 2017 Orientation Schedule

Each year, and each semester, the John Felice Rome Center (JFRC) begins with a series of events and trips to build community among our new group of students. Our first days together are geared toward providing you with necessary information; settling into your accommodations; and introducing you to one another, the staff, Monte Mario, Rome, and to Italy. This calendar provides a list of sessions and group activities from January 11-25 that are mandatory. Our schedule provides plenty of time to explore the city and travel in Italy and Europe. Our primary goal is to use these first two weeks to help acclimate you to your resources and your new community.

We will be ready to welcome you starting on **Wednesday, January 11 at 9:00AM**. If you plan to arrive in Rome before January 11, you will need to find alternative accommodations. Consider some of the lower cost hotels listed in the [Guest Accommodation section of the JFRC webpage](#). Let us know that you have arrived by contacting RomeSLA@luc.edu so we can anticipate your coming to JFRC when doors are ready to open.

During the week, you will be asked to sign up and pay for various Orientation Week events and JFRC traditions. You will want to have about €250 cash in hand for these activities (e.g., Dinner in the Community, Mass of the Holy Spirit Dinner, and Calcio League). It may be easiest to exchange dollars with your bank in the US or at the Airport when you arrive. For added convenience, there is also an ATM (bancomat) located on campus.

During these first days, there will be two Orientation 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 nearby restaurant in Monte Mario (Students pay €25 for the dinner). The second meal follows the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a special event that marks the beginning of the semester and the closing of Orientation. Following the Mass, students will have a meal in the historic district of Rome (which will cost participants €20). Students are strongly encouraged to join the JFRC community for a taste of Italian life and to build relationships. With limited seating, students will be given an opportunity to register for one or both of these meals during Orientation.

**Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

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<td>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Registration and Official Move In</strong> (Student Union)</td>
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<td>You can pick up their 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.</td>
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<td>12:00 – 3:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa</strong> (Cafeteria)</td>
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<td>1:00 – 3:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>IT Registration</strong> (Information Commons)</td>
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<td>Want to log on the JFRC network? Drop-in to register your laptop, phone, and tablet!</td>
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<td>1:30/2:30/4:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Walking Tours</strong> of Monte Mario Neighborhood <strong>(Optional)</strong></td>
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<td>Each tour will originate from the JFRC Portineria (Reception Desk). The brief tour will help direct you to the bus stops, the local grocery, and various other nearby neighborhood conveniences.</td>
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**All sessions are REQUIRED unless otherwise noted.**
6:00 – 7:00 PM  **Introductory Meeting (Sala Felice)**  
Topics to be covered include Life at the JFRC and in the local community, JFRC Community Standards & policies, safety and tips for your first days in Rome.

7:00 – 8:30 PM:  Cena (Dinner) in Mensa

8:30 PM:  **Zone Residents Depart for the Zone Hotel**  
Meet at and depart from the Portineria.

9:00  **Gelato Outing with SLAs (optional)**  
Meet at and depart from the Portineria.

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**Thursday, January 12, 2017**

9:00 AM:  Zone residents meet in lobby for breakfast
9:30 AM:  Zone residents leave for JFRC Campus

10:00 AM – 12:45 PM:  **Meetings Cycle: Permesso, Floor Meetings, Rome FAQs, & SIM Pickup**

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*PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORTS. Students with EU passports do not have to attend the Permesso session.*

12:00-2:00 PM  Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa

2:00 – 3:30 PM  **Survival Italian Language Session #1**  
Consult class lists posted on board at the Portineria (Reception Desk).

4:00 – 4:30 PM  **Safety in Rome – US Citizen Services (Sala Felice)**  
The US Embassy Consular Section will detail student expectations abroad.

4:45 – 5:30 PM  **Introduction to Academic and Student Life at the JFRC (Sala Felice)**
- Dr. Patrick Boyle, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives & Interim Director
- Dr. Michael Beazley, Dean of Rome Student Life
- Samantha Juarez, Michael Cronin, Fran Homan, Elly Hahn, Ryan Bedell, & Erin Ouradnik, Student Life Assistants
- JFRC Staff and Administration

5:30 PM  **Welcome Convocation & Dinner Reception (Sala Felice)**  
Dr. Alexander Evers, Dean of Academic Affairs, will lead the Welcome Convocation, which represents a rite of passage for John Felice Rome Center students to begin their new lives in Europe. The JFRC Director and Dr. Evers, along with JFRC Administration, will officially welcome the Fall Class of 2016 together with the entire JFRC community. A dinner buffet will follow in the Mensa.

Evening  **Centro Storico Scavenger Hunt**  
Explore Rome and learn how to use public transportation at night! Bring your two bus passes found in your Orientation Packet. Prizes for Scavenger Hunt winners include discounts on a Study Trip.

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Friday, January 13, 2017

9:00 AM  Zone residents meet in lobby for breakfast
9:30 AM  Zone residents leave for JFRC Campus

10:00 – 11:00 AM  Study Trip Informational Meeting (Sala Felice)
SLAs will explain details pertaining to JFRC Study Trips, including trip itineraries, costs, and travel tips.

11:15 – 12:00 PM  Safety App Introduction (Sala Felice)
Christine Cyr from Platform 3000 will present on the Safety App, demonstrating its functions and uses in day-to-day safety of JFRC students.

12:00 – 1:00 PM  Students in 218-234, 235-251, and Zone: PRANZO
Students in 201-217, 301-334, and 401-414: Happy & Healthy (Sala Felice)

1:00 - 2:00 PM  Student in 201-217, 301-334, and 401-414: PRANZO
Students in 218-234, 235-251, and Zone: Happy & Healthy (Sala Felice)

2:00 – 3:30 PM  Survival Italian Language Session #2
Consult class lists posted on board at the Portineria (Reception Desk).

4:00 PM  “When in Rome” Cultural Workshops
Last names A-G  Student Union
Last names H-O  Sala Felice
Last names P-Z  Rinaldo’s Bar

6:00 – 7:30 PM  Cena (Dinner) in Mensa will be available between for students not participating in the Balduina Neighborhood Dinner.

7:00 – 10:00 PM  Cena (Dinner) in the Balduina Neighborhood (Optional)
For students wishing to have a dinner in the neighborhood, the first 150 who register will gather for a traditional Italian meal at several local neighborhood restaurants. Students attending will depart at 7:00 pm from the Portineria (Reception Desk) in the JFRC Lobby. Following dinner you are welcome to 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 €25. Mensa service will be available for those who do not leave campus for dinner.

Saturday, January 14, 2017  Il Foro Romano & Il Colosseo

8:30AM  Zone residents meet in lobby for breakfast
9:00 AM  Zone residents leave for JFRC Campus

9:30 AM  Roman Forum/Colosseum Lecture (Sala Felice)
Students will first hear from JFRC Dean of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Ancient History, Dr. Alexander Evers, about the significance and magnitude of the ancient forum. The afternoon will allow students to explore the Colosseum and Forum. All are encouraged to return to campus via public transportation independently as an opportunity to learn how to navigate the Eternal City.

11:45 AM  Depart for Colosseo & Fori Romani by charter bus
Mensa will be closed for lunch service due to this excursion.
Sack lunches will be provided to all students.

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

SIGN UP FOR POSTE APPOINTMENT FOR PERMESSO PROCESSING.
Sunday, January 15, 2017  Orientation Day Trip

This day trip is part of Orientation activities and is required for all students.

9:30 AM  Departure for Lazio countryside of Tuscia - Land of the Etruscans
12:30 – 2:00 PM  Community Pranzo (Lunch)
4:00 PM  Return to JFRC
6:00 – 7:30 PM  Cena (Dinner) in Mensa
8:00 PM  Study Trip Sign Up session (Student Union)
9:00 PM  Mass in Sala Teatro
  Sunday Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Sala Teatro. All are welcome to join.

Monday, January 16, 2017  Classes Begin

8:00AM – 10:00
&
3:30- 5:30 PM  MANDATORY Permit to Stay Processing – Trip to Poste Italiane

Refer to Portineria Whiteboard for appointment times.

PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORTS.

12:00 – 2:00 PM  Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa
5:45 – 7:30 PM  Cena (Dinner) in Mensa

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

8:00 – 10:00 PM  Student Life Programming Fair (Student Union)
  Sign up for Calcio, Student Activities Committee, CLCs, International Leadership Certificate, and more!

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

8:00 – 9:00 PM  Rome and Travel on a Budget Session (Student Union)

Friday, January 20 – Sunday January 22, 2017

Orientation Weekend Trip in Campania
This is a mandatory trip for all JFRC students.
Students should not schedule weekend plans on these dates.
Students will receive a detailed itinerary during Orientation.

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

7:00 PM  Mass of the Holy Spirit & Community Dinner
  The JFRC community will celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit at Chiesa Sant'Ignazio in the historic district of Rome. The Mass of the Holy Spirit is a tradition that initiates the academic semester and brings Orientation to a close. This celebration is optional and open to all members of the JFRC community, regardless of their religious affiliation. A community dinner in the historic center immediately follows the Mass. Students pay €20, a partial cost of their meal.

Revised: Dec. 16, 2016
Schedule subject to change.

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