



LAWS 423 Law, Religion and Society and LHRG 306 Human Rights Advocacy 2023 (Rome)

Thomas More Law School
(North Sydney,
Blacktown, Brisbane, and
Melbourne)

Rome: Monday 3 July
2023 to
Friday 21 July 2023,

Students arrive Sunday 2
July, and depart Saturday
22 July 2023

Thomas More Law School is pleased to be able to offer to a small number of law students the opportunity to undertake LAWS 423 Law, Religion and Society and LHRG 306 Human Rights Advocacy in Rome during the ACU winter break in July 2023.

Students will receive academic credit for the 2 units (a total of 20 credit points) while immersing themselves in the cultural life of Italy's capital city.

ACU's Rome Campus, including the student accommodation, is located in the Trastevere area of Rome, Largo Giovanni Berchet, 4, 00152 Roma, not far from the Vatican and other significant legal and historical locations.

The two units will be delivered in an intensive format and will run from Monday 3 July until Friday 21 July 2023.

Students **MUST** arrive by Sunday 2 July 2023 and leave no later than Saturday 22 July 2023.

Workshops, classes and field excursions will be held each day and students will also engage in sightseeing and experience Italian cultural, legal, religious and institutional systems.

WHAT ARE THE DATES?

Monday 3 July 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023.

LEOSITE

The LEO site for LAWS 423 Law, Religion and Society (Rome) and LHRG 306 Human Rights Advocacy 2023 will open on Monday 12 June 2023.

WHERE WILL YOU STAY IN ROME?

This is usually shared accommodation at our Rome Campus. Further details will be provided as soon as possible.

UNIT CONTENT

LAWS 423 Law, Religion and Society. Every nation has their own national laws which affect religion, and these are increasingly the subject of political and academic debate. Though popular culture presents an idea that state and religion are in conflict, the dominant juridical model in European tradition at least, suggests it is built on cooperation between State and Religion. The study goes beyond law for a reflection on religion's confluence with sociology and its role of a wellspring for a flourishing society.

LHRG 306 Human Rights Advocacy requires skills in advocacy, diplomacy, both orally and in writing. It requires higher order strategic capability, an understanding of what laws and principles need to be invoked, when and where to do so and why. Students undertake real active engagement in advocacy in support of people whose human rights have been violated. Promoting these social justice activities and practices contributes to the common good, along with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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LAWS 324 Law, Religion and Society (Rome) 2023 will be taught by Professor Michele Riondino.

Practical assessment will involve students completing an oral presentation on a topic of interest and reflections following visits to significant sites of religious freedom in Rome.

LHRG 306 Human Rights Advocacy (Rome) 2023 will be taught by the Dean of Law, Professor Patrick Keyzer.

Practical assessments will involve students completing a team based human rights challenge, to develop and review their strategy, then prepare a human rights action, such as a communication to a UN treaty body.

Please refer to your Extended Unit Outline for more information.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of students to ensure that they hold a valid current passport and obtain an appropriate visa. The intensive nature of this unit will require students to have a sound grasp of legal principles and an established above-average academic record.

Places in the Rome Law Study Tour will be awarded:

- on the basis of merit (which will encompass a student's academic record and assessment of their suitability for the program based on the statement in their Expression of Interest); and
- access and equity.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

Before traveling to Rome, the Thomas More Law School will hold an online pre-departure orientation event at a date to be advised.

COURSE FEES

Thomas More Law School law students will be charged according to their verified funding status. In most cases this will be as Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) holders.

RELATED COSTS

The study tour is conducted over three weeks (20 nights from Sunday 2 July 2023 to Saturday 22 July 2023).

The program fee will be AUD \$3,100 per student.

It is anticipated that the program fee will cover:

- shared accommodation - organised by ACU Rome Campus for 20 nights
- meal plan (breakfast, lunch and dinner from Monday to Friday only)
- group welcome dinner.

The program fee does not include the costs of return airfares to Rome, which you must book and pay for yourself.

All students are expected to reside at the Rome Campus for the full duration of the course.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please submit an expression of interest form (below). This form requires you to set out in no more than 250 words how completing these units in Rome will contribute to your legal education and future career.

All applications must be submitted on the approved expression of interest form.

Your expression of interest form must be sent by email to Maxine Bradshaw at maxine.bradshaw@acu.edu.au and received by Friday 17 March at 5pm.

Please note: This law program (Rome) is offered subject to meeting minimum enrolment numbers.

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

To confirm your place in this exciting program, a non-refundable deposit of \$200 must be made at the time of acceptance. Payment options will be confirmed with successful applicants.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Program participants are usually eligible to receive the ACU Vice-Chancellor's Travel Grant of AUD\$500 to assist with the cost of their economy airfare.

Please note: students can only apply for one Vice-Chancellor's grant throughout their course.

Eligible students may also apply for an OS-HELP Loan to support the cost of travel and incidentals. A list of all funding options available to students is available on our study overseas webpage at <https://students.acu.edu.au/806606>.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Maxine.bradshaw@acu.edu.au

**Prices are subject to international exchange rates and may fluctuate.*

