



Study Comparative Legal Systems and Human Rights Advocacy in Rome in 2026

Venue

Thomas More Law School
– North Sydney, Blacktown,
Brisbane, and Melbourne

LAWS202

Rome: Monday 29 June 2026 –
Friday 10 July 2026

Students arrive Sunday 28 June
and depart Saturday 11 July 2026

LHRG306

Rome: Monday 13 July 2026 –
Friday 24 July 2026

Students arrive Sunday 12 July
and depart Saturday 25 July
2026

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Thomas More Law School is pleased to invite a small number of law and criminology students to study LAWS202 Comparative Legal Systems and/or LHRG306 Human Rights Advocacy in Rome during the ACU winter break in June and/or July 2026.

You will receive 10 academic credit points for each unit enrolled while immersing yourself in the cultural life of Italy's capital city.

ACU's Rome Campus and student accommodation are located in the Trastevere area of Rome, close to the Vatican and other significant legal and historical locations.

Each unit will be delivered in intensive format. LAWS202 will run from Monday 29 June to Friday 10 July 2026, and LHRG306 will run from Monday 13 July to Friday 24 July 2026.

You must arrive by Sunday 28 July 2026 and leave no later than Saturday 11 July 2026 for LAWS202, and for LHRG306, arrive by Sunday 12 July 2026 and leave no later than Saturday 25 July 2026.

The study tour includes classes as well as sightseeing and Italian cultural, legal and institutional experiences.

CANVAS

The Canvas site for both subjects will open around two weeks before classes start.

WHERE WILL YOU STAY IN ROME?

Students typically share accommodation at our Rome Campus. We'll provide further details as soon as possible.



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UNIT CONTENT

LAWS202 Comparative Legal Systems:

This unit provides you with a foundation in the study of law across different countries and contexts. It encourages critical reflection on how legal systems, principles and practices develop and operate in diverse environments. By engaging with a range of legal concepts and frameworks, you will develop the ability to analyse, compare and evaluate legal approaches in a global setting.

LAWS202 Comparative Legal Systems will be taught by Dr Juan Diaz-Granados.

Practical assessments include class participation and engagement, as well as a critical evaluation of a topic from the unit. Please refer to your Extended Unit Outline for more information.

Prerequisites: LAWS104 Foundations of Law and Legal Research or LCRM107 Introduction to Research for Law, Human Rights and Criminal Justice Studies.

LHRG306 Human Rights Advocacy:

This unit requires spoken and written skills in advocacy and diplomacy. It requires higher order strategic capability, as well as an understanding of what laws and principles need to be invoked, when and where to do so, and why. You will actively engage in advocacy to support 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.

LHRG306 Human Rights Advocacy will be taught by Professor Patrick Keyzer.

Practical assessments include completing a team-based human rights challenge, developing and reviewing your strategy, then preparing a human rights action such as communication to a UN treaty body. Please refer to your Extended Unit Outline for more information.

Prerequisites: Nil

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

It is your responsibility to ensure that you hold a valid current passport and obtain an appropriate visa.

The intensive nature of this unit demands that you have a sound grasp of legal principles and an established above-average academic record.

Places in the Rome Law Study Tour will be awarded based on:

- merit (this will encompass your academic record and assessment of your suitability for the program based on your expression of interest); and
- access and equity.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

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

COURSE FEES

You will be charged according to your verified funding status. In most cases, this will be as Commonwealth supported place (CSP) holders.

RELATED COSTS

The study tour is conducted over one or two fortnights.

The program fee for each unit will be approximately AU\$2,400* per student.

This fee will cover:

- shared accommodation, organised by ACU Rome Campus for 13 nights
- meals – 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 study trip.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please submit an expression of interest form (below), stating in no more than 500 words how completing these units in Rome will contribute to your law and criminology education and future career.

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

Your expression of interest must be received by 5pm on Friday 13 March 2026.

Please note: This Rome study tour is offered subject to meeting minimum enrolment numbers.

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

To confirm your place in this exciting program, you must make a non-refundable deposit of \$250 at the time of acceptance. We'll advise you of payment options at that time.

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 an economy airfare.

Please note: You can only apply for one Vice-Chancellor's grant over the duration of your 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: studentportal.acu.edu.au/career-and-opportunities/so/costs-and-financial-support

To apply and find out more, email:
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