

Academic Calendar 2027

Unit Offerings



Rome Winter Session, 2027

Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
2 January - 30 January		ITAN101 Introductory Italian	Begin your study of the Italian language while living and learning in its cultural setting. Designed for beginners and aligned with A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), this unit develops foundational skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Through everyday situations such as introductions, dining, and social interaction, you will build practical communication skills alongside an understanding of Italian culture and society. The unit emphasises real-life communication and cultural immersion, enabling you to engage with Italian-speaking communities with growing confidence.
2 January - 30 January		HUMA319 Rome Field School: Landscapes Past and Present	Experience Rome through an intensive, field-based study that integrates archaeology, history, and geography. This unit explores the city's development over three millennia, focusing on the interaction between environment, human activity, and historical change. Through site visits and hands-on learning, you will engage directly with Rome's physical landscape while developing interdisciplinary skills in analysis and interpretation. Critical reflection links field experience with broader historical and geographical frameworks.
2 January - 16 January		HLSC220 Health Care Ethics A	Examine the ethical foundations of healthcare practice and develop skills to address complex moral challenges. This unit introduces human dignity, the common good, justice, professional integrity, autonomy, beneficence, and non-maleficence. Through case studies and contemporary issues, you will analyse ethical dilemmas across diverse healthcare contexts and examine sources of disagreement within pluralistic societies. The unit strengthens ethical reasoning, decision-making, and reflective practice, preparing you to act with responsibility, compassion, and professional confidence.
16 January - 30 January	Yes	HLSC220 Health Care Ethics B	Examine the ethical foundations of healthcare practice and develop skills to address complex moral challenges. This unit introduces human dignity, the common good, justice, professional integrity, autonomy, beneficence, and non-maleficence. Through case studies and contemporary issues, you will analyse ethical dilemmas across diverse healthcare contexts and examine sources of disagreement within pluralistic societies. The unit strengthens ethical reasoning, decision-making, and reflective practice, preparing you to act with responsibility, compassion, and professional confidence.

International Core Curriculum

Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
31 January - 13 February	Yes	TPCC202 Conflict, Violence and Peace-Making	Examine the causes, forms, and consequences of violence across historical and contemporary contexts, and explore pathways towards peace-making and justice. This unit introduces key psychological and sociological theories of violence alongside religious perspectives, with particular attention to biblical texts and Catholic social thought. Through analysis of case studies including war, slavery, and racial and gendered violence, you will investigate how conflicts emerge and how they have been addressed through non-violence, advocacy, and community action. The unit develops skills in critical analysis, ethical reflection, and constructive dialogue, preparing you to engage thoughtfully with complex issues of conflict and contribute to building more just and peaceful communities.

Rome Spring Semester, 2027

Block 1			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
31 January - 25 February	Yes	BUSN201 International Business	Explore the challenges and opportunities of operating in a global business environment. This unit examines how cultural, economic, political, and legal differences shape international business practices. Through key models and frameworks, you will analyse global markets, assess risks, and develop strategies for managing people and operations across borders. The unit builds practical skills in critical analysis and prepares you to engage effectively in an interconnected global economy.
31 January - 25 February	Yes	HIST216 Europe in the Middle Ages and Beyond	Examine the development of European civilisation from the early medieval period through to the early modern world. This unit explores key themes including social structure, religion, political authority, and cultural exchange, alongside major developments such as urbanisation, the Crusades, and the transformations of the late Middle Ages. Through engagement with primary and secondary sources, you will develop skills in historical analysis and construct evidence-based arguments about Europe's past.
Block 2			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
28 February - 25 March	Yes	BUSN308 Business Creation: Igniting Success	Develop the knowledge and skills required to create and manage new business ventures. This unit introduces key principles of entrepreneurship, including idea generation, market analysis, business planning, and strategic growth. Drawing on real-world case studies and sustainability frameworks, you will design and evaluate business opportunities in local and global contexts. The unit emphasises innovation, practical application, and the development of entrepreneurial thinking.
28 February - 25 March	Yes	HIST230 Life and Death in Pompeii	Explore the everyday life of a Roman town through the archaeological remains of Pompeii. This unit examines the social, political, economic, and religious structures of the city, alongside the impact of the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 CE. Through analysis of material, epigraphic, and literary evidence, you will investigate how Pompeii has been interpreted over time and what it reveals about life in the Roman Empire.
Block 3			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
30 March - 24 April	Yes	BUSN304 Working with Diversity and Conflict	Examine the role of diversity and conflict management in contemporary organisations. This unit explores how cultural, social, and organisational differences shape workplace dynamics and decision-making. You will analyse models of diversity management, develop strategies for inclusive practice, and build skills in conflict resolution and communication. The unit emphasises ethical responsibility, collaboration, and the contribution of diversity to organisational effectiveness.
30 March - 24 April	Yes	HIST350 Women in the Later Roman Empire	Investigate the roles and experiences of women in the later Roman Empire through the lens of gender history. This unit examines how political, religious, and social transformations shaped women's lives, identities, and opportunities. Through analysis of diverse source materials, you will explore themes of power, law, religion, and cultural change, and develop skills in historical interpretation and critical analysis of gender in the ancient world.

Block 4			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
25 April - 15 May	Yes	ITEC307 Design Thinking for Business Strategy	Develop a human-centred approach to solving complex business challenges through design thinking. This unit introduces key stages of the design thinking process, including problem identification, ideation, prototyping, and evaluation. You will apply creative and collaborative methods to develop innovative and sustainable solutions, drawing on diverse perspectives and real-world contexts. The unit builds skills in problem-solving, teamwork, and strategic thinking.
25 April - 15 May	Yes	HIST265 Ancient Rome: Kingdom, Republic and Empire	Survey the development of Rome from its origins as a kingdom through the Republic and into the Empire. This unit examines political, social, military, and religious aspects of Roman history, using a range of written and archaeological sources. You will explore key debates about power, expansion, and imperial rule, and develop skills in historical analysis and interpretation. The unit provides a foundation for understanding Rome's lasting influence on later societies.

Nutrition: Food and Culture Study Tour			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
26 March - 3 April	Yes	NUTR308 Food and Culture Study Tour	Explore the relationship between food and culture through an immersive international study experience. This unit develops cultural competence, communication skills, and food literacy by engaging with diverse communities and examining how food practices reflect social, historical, and cultural contexts. Through participation in community-based activities, cultural comparison, and experiential learning, you will analyse food systems and practices in a new environment. The unit builds skills in reflection, cross-cultural understanding, and professional communication, preparing you to engage effectively in diverse cultural settings and apply these insights in future study, work, and community contexts.
26 March - 3 April	Yes	NUTR609 Food and Culture Study Experience	Engage in an immersive international study experience that examines the relationship between food, culture, and community in diverse contexts. This unit develops advanced cultural competence and professional communication skills through participation in community-based food activities and critical evaluation of culinary cultures and food systems. Through experiential learning, you will analyse how food practices reflect social, historical, and cultural dynamics, and build the capacity to work effectively within culturally responsive frameworks. The unit emphasises critical reflection, intercultural understanding, and the application of knowledge to professional practice, preparing you to engage confidently with diverse communities and contribute to socially responsive and culturally informed practice.
26 March - 9 April	Yes	NUTR603 Engaging with Communities	Develop the knowledge and skills required to work collaboratively with communities to address real-world food and nutrition challenges. This unit provides an immersive placement experience in which you engage with community members and organisations to identify needs, design responses, and contribute to practical solutions. Through application of principles of community engagement, cultural safety, and sustainability, you will examine how food and nutrition initiatives can support health and wellbeing. The unit builds advanced capabilities in teamwork, leadership, communication, and reflective practice, preparing you to work effectively in diverse settings and contribute to socially responsible and community-focused professional practice.

Rome Summer Session, 2027

Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
13 June - 26 June		ALHT420 Global Perspectives of Community-Centred Practice	Investigate community-centred approaches to health and wellbeing worldwide. This unit considers how history, culture, politics, and environment shape communities and influence inclusion, participation, and access to services. Through case studies and collaborative learning, you will analyse community needs and strengths, and design strategies that advance health, social capital, and equity. The unit develops interprofessional teamwork, culturally responsive practice, and critical reflection, preparing you to work effectively with diverse communities and support inclusive and sustainable health outcomes.
20 June - 29 June		PSYC624 Evidence-Based Practice for Psychologists	Develop expertise in research methods and evidence-based practice within applied psychology. This unit explores the scientist-practitioner model, evaluation of empirical literature, qualitative and quantitative methods, research design, statistical analysis, and evaluation of interventions and services. Through culturally informed and ethical research activities, you will formulate questions, design studies, interpret evidence, and assess client outcomes. The unit strengthens research literacy, critical analysis, and professional communication, preparing you to apply scientific evidence across clinical and applied psychological settings.
27 Jun - 10 July	Yes	PSYC212 Abnormal Psychology	Build understanding of the theories, research, and clinical approaches used to explain psychological disorders and distress. This unit explores concepts of abnormality, classification systems, and biological, psychological, and social models of aetiology. Through studying mental disorders, you will analyse diagnostic features, contributing factors, treatment approaches, and ethical considerations in assessment and care. The unit develops critical analysis, professional communication, and application of psychological knowledge, preparing you to engage thoughtfully with mental health issues in diverse contexts.
27 June - 7 July		EDCE600 Catholic Education: Mission, Culture and Spirituality	Experience Catholic education's mission, identity, culture, and spirituality through immersive learning in Rome. This unit examines Church documents, the ecclesial identity of Catholic schools, and the integration of faith, life, and culture. Through visits to sites in Rome, Subiaco, and Assisi, you will investigate Benedictine, Franciscan, and Marian traditions and consider how their charisms inform school communities. The unit develops theological reflection, critical analysis, and educational leadership, preparing you to strengthen Catholic education in diverse contexts.

International Core Curriculum			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
27 June - 10 July	Yes	THCC200 Justice in the World: Catholic Social Ethics in Global Perspective	Examine major global challenges through the ethical framework of Catholic Social Thought. This unit explores issues including war, migration, climate change, technological development, healthcare, economic inequality, and racial and gender injustice through focused case studies. You will assess empirical evidence and diverse perspectives, drawing on philosophical and theological reflection to consider how human dignity, the common good, and the virtue of care can guide effective responses. The unit develops skills in ethical reasoning, critical analysis, and informed action, preparing you to contribute responsibly to positive change in an interconnected world.

Law Summer in Rome			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
29 June - 12 July		LAWS407 International Human Rights Law	Analyse the principles, institutions, and legal instruments governing international human rights protection. This unit considers the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Bill of Rights, and protections concerning life, liberty, privacy, expression, and fair trial. You will investigate challenges affecting vulnerable groups, including children and refugees, and assess United Nations enforcement mechanisms. The unit develops legal research, analysis, writing, and communication skills, preparing you to address human rights issues across international and Australian jurisdictions.
12 July - 26 July		LAWS202 Comparative Legal Systems	Explore how legal systems, principles, and practices develop and operate across different jurisdictions and contexts. This unit examines the social, cultural, political, and economic factors that shape law, while considering similarities and differences between legal traditions. You will learn to compare legal approaches, interpret legal concepts, and assess the challenges of applying legal ideas across jurisdictions. The unit develops core skills in legal reasoning, critical analysis, and comparative evaluation, preparing you to engage with diverse areas of law, emerging global challenges, and professional practice.

Rome Autumn Semester, 2027

Block 1			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
5 September - 30 September	Yes	ITAN101 Introductory Italian	Begin your study of the Italian language while living and learning in its cultural setting. Designed for beginners and aligned with A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), this unit develops foundational skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Through everyday situations such as introductions, dining, and social interaction, you will build practical communication skills alongside an understanding of Italian culture and society. The unit emphasises real-life communication and cultural immersion, enabling you to engage with Italian-speaking communities with growing confidence.
5 September - 30 September	Yes	ITAN200 Intermediate Italian	Develop your Italian language skills towards more independent communication in everyday contexts. This unit builds on foundational knowledge and aligns with A2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), with a focus on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Through practical topics such as travel, food, media, and daily life, you will learn to describe past experiences, express opinions, and engage in simple conversations. The unit also deepens your understanding of Italian-speaking cultures and intercultural communication, preparing you to participate with confidence in familiar social situations.
5 September - 30 September	Yes	ENGL333 Global Literary Cultures	Examine how Rome has been imagined, represented, and reinterpreted in global literature from antiquity to the present. This unit explores texts across a wide range of genres, including history, poetry, drama, and the novel, considering how Rome functions as both a literary setting and a cultural idea. Through engagement with key authors and on-site exploration of the city, you will analyse the relationship between text and place, and develop an understanding of Rome as a global literary and cultural reference point.
5 September - 30 September	Yes	WCIV301 Scientific Revolutions and the Western World	Explore the development of modern scientific thought from the seventeenth to the twentieth century. This unit examines key moments in the history of science, including the work of figures such as Galileo, Newton, and Darwin, and considers how scientific ideas have transformed understandings of the natural world. Through engagement with foundational texts and historical contexts, you will analyse the intellectual, cultural, and social implications of scientific change.

Block 2			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
3 October - 28 October	Yes	HUMA207 More than a Museum: Modern Rome	Investigate Rome as a living, modern city shaped by migration, globalisation, and political change. This unit moves beyond the city's ancient and early modern past to examine its development since becoming the capital of Italy in 1870. Through site-based learning and critical analysis, you will explore how Rome's contemporary culture, economy, and social dynamics reflect broader global processes.
3 October - 28 October	Yes	HUMA254 The Idea of the City: A Study of Rome	Examine the concept of the city through the case study of Rome. This unit explores how urban spaces shape social interaction, identity, and cultural expression, focusing on elements such as streets, monuments, and public spaces. Through engagement with the city itself, you will analyse how Rome functions as both a historical and contemporary urban environment, and how cities more broadly influence human experience.
3 October - 28 October		EDES206 Social Justice and Community Engagement for Educators	Engage with communities through a practical, field-based unit that connects education and social justice. This unit examines how social, cultural, and economic contexts shape educational experiences, with a focus on inequality and inclusion. Through community engagement and guided reflection, you will develop skills in culturally responsive practice and ethical leadership.

Block 3			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
2 November - 27 November		EDET300 Effective Teaching 4: Students with Disability and Inclusive Education	Develop inclusive teaching practices through an applied study of disability, diversity, and learning. This unit examines how policy, research, and classroom strategies shape equitable education, with a focus on participation and access. Through practical learning, you will design differentiated approaches that support all learners and foster safe, supportive classroom environments.
2 November - 27 November	Yes	HUMA319 Rome Field School: Landscapes Past and Present	Experience Rome through an intensive, field-based study that integrates archaeology, history, and geography. This unit explores the city's development over three millennia, focusing on the interaction between environment, human activity, and historical change. Through site visits and hands-on learning, you will engage directly with Rome's physical landscape while developing interdisciplinary skills in analysis and interpretation.
2 November - 27 November	Yes	THEL214 Cults, Gods and Religion in Ancient Rome	Explore the diversity of religious life in ancient Rome, from traditional pagan practices to emerging religious movements such as Judaism and Christianity. This unit examines how religious beliefs and practices coexisted and interacted within the Roman world. Through site visits and analysis of historical evidence, you will develop an understanding of the relationship between religion, society, and culture in antiquity.
2 November - 27 November	Yes	LAWS423 Law, Religion and Society	Analyse the relationship between legal systems and religious practice across European contexts. This unit explores how law regulates religion and how legal frameworks shape social and cultural life. Through comparative analysis, you will examine the interaction between state and religion, and consider how legal traditions influence contemporary debates about religious freedom and social cohesion.

Block 4			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
28 November - 18 December	Yes	HUMA252 Art, Politics and Society in Renaissance and Baroque Rome	Examine the artistic and cultural transformations of Rome during the Renaissance and Baroque periods. This unit explores how art functioned within political and religious contexts, particularly during the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. Through engagement with artworks in situ, you will analyse how visual culture reflects power, belief, and social change.
28 November - 18 December	Yes	THCT202 Christian Symbol, Ritual and Sacrament	Explore the role of Christian symbols, rituals, and sacraments in shaping religious life and cultural expression. Set within Rome as the centre of the Catholic tradition, this unit examines how liturgical practices have influenced the city's architecture, art, and spiritual identity. Through historical and theological analysis, you will consider how ritual communicates belief and sustains religious communities.
28 November - 18 December	Yes	PHCC201 The Origins of Sciences and Contemporary Challenges	Investigate the historical development of scientific thought and its relevance to contemporary challenges. This unit examines the origins of modern science, its methods, and its authority, while also considering its social and ethical implications. Through critical reflection, you will explore how scientific knowledge shapes understanding of the world and informs responses to current issues.
28 November - 18 December	Yes	LAWS409 Law of the European Union	Develop an understanding of the legal framework of the European Union, including its institutions, principles, and procedures. This unit examines the operation of EU law within the context of the single market and explores its impact on member states. Through critical analysis, you will engage with complex legal issues and develop the skills required to navigate and apply EU law in practice.

Nursing Immersion Semester Program			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
25 September - 6 November		NRSG265 Principles of Nursing: Medical	Develop the knowledge and skills required to provide person-centred, evidence-based care for individuals experiencing acute and longer-term medical health alterations. This unit examines the principles of medical nursing through case studies that follow patients across a range of healthcare settings. You will explore the registered nurse's role in clinical assessment, care planning, health education, illness management, and interprofessional practice. The unit prepares you to apply sound clinical reasoning and medical nursing knowledge to support safe, effective, and responsive care throughout the patient journey.
25 September - 6 November		NRSG266 Principles of Nursing: Contexts of Ageing	Develop the knowledge and skills required to provide person-centred, evidence-based nursing care for older people. This unit examines healthy ageing, age-related changes, health risks, sociocultural influences, and the functional consequences that may accompany ageing. Through evidence-based case studies, you will explore approaches that promote quality of life, independence, choice, and dignity across diverse healthcare settings. The unit prepares you to apply gerontological nursing knowledge, clinical reasoning, and interprofessional practice to support safe, respectful, and responsive care for older people.
25 September - 6 November		NRSG267 Integrating Practice 4	Apply theoretical nursing knowledge in practice through supervised professional experience placement. This unit builds your skills in critical thinking, ethical decision-making, patient assessment, and care management through the continuing process of assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation. You will develop your capacity to reflect during and after clinical practice, evaluate your performance, and identify opportunities to improve care. The unit prepares you to provide safe, comprehensive, and evidence-based nursing care while meeting your professional responsibilities to individuals and the public.

Nursing Immersion Semester Program			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
25 September - 6 November		HLSC220 Health Care Ethics	Examine the ethical foundations of healthcare practice and develop skills to address complex moral challenges. This unit introduces human dignity, the common good, justice, professional integrity, autonomy, beneficence, and non-maleficence. Through case studies and contemporary issues, you will analyse ethical dilemmas across diverse healthcare contexts and examine sources of disagreement within pluralistic societies. The unit strengthens ethical reasoning, decision-making, and reflective practice, preparing you to act with responsibility, compassion, and professional confidence.

Yearly - Rolling admission

Rome Internships			
Dates	Study abroad option	Unit / subject	Unit description
Rolling admission		Rome Internship: Australian Embassy to the Holy See	The Australian Embassy to the Holy See offers ACU students the opportunity to undertake a prestigious and highly sought-after internship at the Embassy. The internship is usually offered in September and can last between 8 and 12 weeks, but the opportunity is open to students throughout the year. The internship will involve working between 10-35 hours per week depending on the academic requirements if credit is being sought. There will be an initial trial period of four weeks. The internship allows ACU students with an interest in Australia's international relations to gain insights into the work of the Embassy, particularly within their Public Diplomacy, Political and Economic branch.
Rolling admission		Rome Internship: Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life	The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life offers ACU students the opportunity to undertake a prestigious and sought-after internship in 2026. The internship can last between 8 and 24 weeks and will involve working between 6-35 hours per week depending on the academic requirements if credit is being sought. Students can apply for either the January/February or September intake. The internship allows ACU students to gain insight into the work of the Dicastery. Students work together with the officials of the Dicastery to assist with different tasks regarding the laity, family issues and the promotion of human life.