

HOUSING BOOKLET

Spring 2018



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UNIVERSITY HOUSING INFORMATION

General Description: Housing for participants of the TU in Italy – Rome program will be arranged by The American University of Rome. Students will be placed in furnished apartments in areas surrounding the university campus. The particulars of the housing options as well as information relevant to this process can be found in this Housing Booklet.

Housing Refund Policy:

- During the month after the housing deadline: 100% refund
- Between 30 days from housing deadline and 15 days prior to class start day: 50% refund
- Last 14 days prior to class start day: None

Upload a copy of your housing application to the 'Additional Documents' section of your Horizons application.

NB: Inquiries about AUR facilitated housing that are not already addressed within this Booklet should be directed to your home school's Study Abroad Office

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE:

October 31, 2017

The University anticipates having sufficient housing inventory to accommodate all students meeting the October 31, 2017 deadline. The University will make every effort to facilitate student housing, but it cannot make any assurance as to the availability of facilitated housing after this deadline.

DESCRIPTION OF SPRING 2018 HOUSING PROGRAM

Roman Apartment/Condominium: *Casa Romana*

Students electing university-facilitated housing are placed in furnished apartments in areas surrounding the university campus. The apartments are located in traditional, well established neighborhoods. This housing is well suited for students looking for a "full immersion" cultural experience. While apartments are standardized in terms of basic amenities, they can vary greatly in terms of both proximity to the university and aesthetics. Students must understand that university housing is Italian by nature in every way, including but not limited to its structure, surroundings, utilities and utility providers, furnishings, building maintenance, construction and repairs, neighbors and common rules of good neighbor etiquette.

There is generally only one (or a small number of) student apartment unit(s) per building and neighboring residents is typical Italian families who own their apartments. Most apartments have 2-3 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Bedrooms are typically double-occupancy. Each apartment is equipped with basic furnishings and supplies, including one single bed per student, bed linens and towels, closet/clothing storage space, typical basic Italian cookware and kitchenware, a table and chairs and furnished sitting area. Desks are to be shared by all occupants. Each student is expected to provide his/her own paper and cleaning products as well as replace light bulbs. All units are provided with a washing machine.

All apartments are equipped with a personal computer (PC) and have unlimited, no additional cost access to the Internet as well as wireless access for those with wireless-ready laptops. (Please note: the apartment computer is not meant to serve as the primary academic support resource for the occupants; the university maintains a library and computer lab for these purposes.)

All apartments are same-sex, non-smoking environments.

Apartments are located in areas of Rome convenient to the university campus: Monteverde, Giancolense, Trastevere and Colli Portuense, all desirable residential neighborhoods. Compared to other parts of Rome, they have more green areas, better access to public transport and are conveniently located to the historic center of Rome

All apartments are either within walking distance or conveniently located to public transit routes relative to the university. Travel times to the university vary but generally range between 15 and 35 minutes. Variances in transit times largely depend on bus frequency and local traffic. Many apartments are directly accessible by one direct bus line, while others require a change. Some apartments are located within walking distance of the university. Detailed travel instructions to/from the university and an initial supply of public transportation tickets will be provided upon arrival.

Students are assisted with maintenance and other issues that may arise during the occupancy.

Apartments are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. A single-name roommate request will be taken into consideration but is not guaranteed in any way. Apartment living is not conducive to established social groupings.

Common American conveniences students have told us they missed here in Italy:

More storage space	More warm water	More heat
Central air and heat	Unlimited electrical supply	Bigger beds
Bigger showers and tubs	Clothes dryers	Bigger fridges
Distance from neighbors	Spacious kitchens	Elevators
Electric stoves and ovens	Better water pressure	Screen windows
More reliable internet/phones	Garbage disposals	Dish washers
More electrical outlets	Larger toilet tanks	Sidewalks
American style plumbing	Spacious kitchens	Screen windows
Box Fall mattresses	24 hours store openings	Ice

HOUSING FORM A

This form to be completed and sent by ALL students.

FULL NAME: _____
First MI Last

Female / Male (circle one)

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

Age: _____

PERMANENT UNITED STATES ADDRESS:

Street Address City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____
(Must be completed)

Fax: _____

Student's E-mail: _____
(Must be completed)

Alternate E-Mail: _____

Please indicate your Home University or Sending Institution here below:

Study Abroad Program: Towson University

HOUSING PREFERENCE:

___ **YES, I want university-facilitated housing.** I have read and understood the *Spring 2018* Housing Booklet and have received, read and understood the *Spring 2018* Pre-Departure Information and elect to have The American University of Rome arrange for my housing.

Roommate preference: _____. (NB: **One name only**; students not requesting each other using this form **will not** necessarily be assigned together. Requested assignments are not guaranteed; to better your chances of assignment together, make sure both parties sign up and pay by the *November 12, 2017* deadline.)

Signature

Date

You must complete this form to participate in the *Spring 2018* semester.

HOUSING FORM B (Page 1 of 2)

This form to be completed and sent by
all students applying for AUR facilitated housing.

FULL NAME: _____
First MI Last

Age: _____

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLOCK LETTERS)

I have read and understood the attached description of university-arranged housing options available to me during my study period in Rome and elect to reside in a university-facilitated accommodation for the *Spring 2018 semester*.

- I understand that the housing fee amount will cover my portion of the apartment/unit rental, electricity, water, condominium, garbage tax, heating and gas for the period beginning on my specifically assigned *Spring 2018* arrival date and ending *May 16th, 2018*. Should the housing option I select no longer be available, I understand I will be assigned to an available housing option and will either receive a refund or be charged for the difference in price, accordingly.
- I understand that I must respect the privacy and rights of both the other occupants of my apartment/unit and the other building residents. In addition, excessive noise and/or any other unacceptable behavior on the premises may lead to summary removal and/or eviction. I further understand that the apartments are non-smoking environments.
- I understand that university facilitated housing is Italian by nature in every way, including but not limited to its structure, surroundings, utilities and utility providers, furnishings, building maintenance and repairs, neighbors and common rules of good neighbor etiquette as well as laws governing noise disturbances therein. I further understand that each apartment, including my own, will be unique and cannot be compared to that of others.
- I understand I am expected to take appropriate care of equipment, furnishings and walls and that I am responsible for any repairs to broken items and/or damages to furnishings, equipment and walls. I understand I am responsible for the cost to repair any damage I inflict upon the apartment/unit or building, inclusive of common areas, or condominium areas and any detriment to the full use and enjoyment of the unit. I further understand that such costs are payable on demand and that damage deposits, when applicable, are not to be considered as limits of liability or liquidated damage amounts.
- I understand that only full-time students in assigned housing and enrolled in The American University of Rome may occupy the apartment and that no overnight guests and/or animals are allowed. I further understand the University reserves the right to permanently or temporarily re-assign my specific accommodation. I understand I may not sublease any part of my occupancy.
- I understand that roommate requests cannot be guaranteed and that failure to meet housing deadlines can affect the assignment of both the option I have chosen and/or my roommate request. Furthermore, I understand that should the student indicated on Form A as my roommate preference sign up and pay for another option and/or fail to meet the *November 12, 2017* payment deadline; it will preclude us from being assigned together.
- I understand that the use of illegal drugs is prohibited and can trigger sanctions including eviction from the apartment and dismissal from The American University of Rome program. I further understand that while in Rome I am subject to the civil and penal laws of the Republic of Italy and that I may not be entitled to the same civil and legal rights as in my own nation.

You must complete this form to participate in the *Spring 2018* semester.
Forms A, B and C of this Housing Booklet should not be reproduced as double-sided.

HOUSING FORM B (Page 2 of 2)

**This form to be completed and sent by all students
applying for AUR facilitated housing.**

_____ (Please print name)

- I understand that the pressures living/studying outside my home nation can be considerable and that it is not uncommon for physical and mental health problems to be exacerbated by local conditions such as pollution, climate, diet, cultural adjustment, communal living, etc. If I have any conditions or limitations that may affect my full participation, I agree to disclose them in writing to my study abroad program and/or AUR not later than the housing deadline date. I further understand that depending on any such disclosure, further documentation and evaluation may be required.
- I further understand that I understand that as the Republic of Italy is not subject to US laws, I have no assurance that my housing will have the special facilities and accommodations available to individuals with disabilities in the US and that it is my obligation to disclose any such disabilities upon application for housing, by the *November 12, 2017* deadline.
- I certify that I am an adult of at least the age of 18. I understand that I am responsible for my own actions.
- I understand that I may be subject to immediate and summary removal from the premises, if it is determined that my continued presence is detrimental to myself, other residents or the University community at large. This action may result irrespective of rights/procedures contained in the Student Code of Conduct.
- I understand that The American University of Rome Student Code of Conduct governs conduct in the housing units as well as in the building(s) and surrounding neighbourhood(s). I understand that I will be required to abide by this Code or be subject to potential sanctions under that Code.
- I understand that The American University of Rome Good Neighbor Policy governs conduct in the housing units as well as in the building(s) and surrounding neighbourhood(s). I understand that I will be required to abide by this Policy or be subject to potential sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct.
- The university is in no way responsible for items and contents of the units, including but not limited to laptop computers and other personal belongings.
- I understand that when moving out of the housing unit, I must remove all personal belongings and that failure to do so may incur a penalty fee. The university is not responsible for the retrieval, packaging nor shipping of any personal belongings (including electronic file data left on housing computers) left behind after occupancy and that there may be a charge for the disposal of items left behind.
- This agreement is governed pursuant to the applicable laws of the Republic of Italy. As the undersigned, I hereby agree and affirmatively understand that my participation in any housing option is voluntary and in partial consideration I and/or my legal guardians hold The American University of Rome, its officers, directors, employees and agents harmless for any claim arising under or related to this agreement.
- I understand that if a student is evicted or removed for any reason there shall be no refund of unexpended rent, nor shall AUR facilitate replacement housing. I further understand that AUR does not have staff available for translation, negotiation or trouble-shooting purposes for students evicted or removed for any reason from housing, and that such students are responsible for their own arrangements.
- I understand that if I fail to occupy the unit or if I leave the apartment at any time before the end of the semester for any reason, whether due to eviction or not, I forfeit the entire rental charge. I further understand that AUR does not have staff available for translation, negotiation or trouble-shooting purposes for students failing to occupy their unit or leaving their apartment at any time before the semester end, and that such students are responsible for their own arrangements.
- I may enter the premises only during my specifically assigned *Spring 2018* arrival date and between 10.00 am and 5:00 pm, and only when escorted by AUR or its representatives. I further understand that if I arrive outside office hours I will have to make a hotel booking for the evening and then contact the office of the University the next day, and that if I arrive prior to my scheduled date, my accommodations will be unavailable. I understand that should I arrive subsequent to my scheduled date, I can expect significant waiting time before I can be escorted to my unit.
- Accommodations must be vacated no later than the morning of *May 16th, 2018*. I understand it is not possible to extend the occupancy beyond these dates.

Student Signature

Date