ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The Italy Program is located at the Villa Serenella campus in Rome (approximately 5 miles from the Vatican) and has easy access to the city center. This program coincides roughly with the dates of the Aquinas College Fall Semester, from mid-September to mid-December.

ELIGIBILITY
Participants must be full-time students of at least sophomore status, be open to the cross-cultural experience, and be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

ACADEMICS
Poetics (3 credits)
- Fulfills Aquinas Artistic and Creative Studies General Education Requirement
Humanities IV: Approaches to the Eternal City (4 credits)
- Fulfills Aquinas Humanities General Education Requirement in combination with the Art & Architecture in Rome course
Art & Architecture in Rome (3 credits)
- Fulfills Aquinas Artistic and Creative Studies General Education Requirement
- Eligible for Catholic Studies minor elective credit
Christian Prayer (3 credits)
- Fulfills Theological Foundations General Education Requirement

INTERNSHIPS:
Students will also have the option of completing an internship with a variety of Vatican media centers. Students can receive certification of the internship through the Aquinas College Career Development Center if they complete the appropriate required procedures. Credit will not be issued for internships completed as part of the Italy Program.

Education students will have the option of teaching English at a local preschool. Credit will not be issued, but this is a great opportunity to deepen their knowledge in the field of Education and wonderful avenue for community involvement. Students with other interests are highly encouraged to seek out avenues to pursue them in Rome. The onsite director of the Rome program is a fantastic resource!
HOUSING
Double occupancy of en-suite rooms in the residence halls of the Monastery of Saint Isaia known as Villa Serenella

“Waking up for 7am mass at St. Peter’s Basilica, walking to the pastry shop for cappuccino and pastries after mass, singing songs on the streets of Rome, taking a marathon long pilgrimage to all seven major Basilicas; these are the things I will never forget. Coming to Rome broadens horizons. You meet Catholics from all over the world, get in contact with the center of the Church and the extraordinary city. It changes you, it makes you want to be a better human being, and a better Catholic. The moment I stood a foot away from the Pope and encountered His Holiness, I will always remember. I am thankful for the friendships I made, the networking I was able to do with my internship with EWTN, and overall the blessing of living at the core of the Church for a semester.”

Emily Hazelbach  
Fall 2012 Rome Program Participant

MORE INFORMATION:
To watch videos about Aquinas College International Programs or for more information about this program, visit our website: www.aquinas.edu/intprograms

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COST
Aquinas Spring semester full-time tuition + $10,000 estimated program fee (program fees will be confirmed on acceptance letters).

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:
• Room & Board for duration of program including laundry service
• Course excursions and activities
• Int’l Student ID with medical and travel insurance

OTHER COSTS
Flight, passport, and books; personal spending on gifts, travel, etc.

“Studying abroad in Rome was the best decision I have ever made. As soon as I got to Rome, the city surpassed all of my expectations. A day did not go by that we didn’t go through the Vatican City, walk past ancient ruins, or eat some delicious pizza. One of my favorite activities was to go to a piazza and sit down and have a cafe and a croissant and take in all the Rome had to offer. There is so much to do in Rome and I cannot wait to go back.”

– Aaron Milliker  
Fall 2013 Rome Program Participant