

Summer 2009, Ithaca, New York / Rome, Italy / New York, New York

Benvenuti studenti!

The Cornell in Rome and AAP NYC staff would like to extend our congratulations and a warm welcome as you begin college life in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning!

The educational opportunities here are endless. As I'm sure you know, the College has its own base in Europe, in the center of Rome, as well as classroom and studio space in Manhattan. Both programs are open to students from all three college departments and the college encourages participation in both off campus sites.

Cornell in Rome is housed in a spacious and beautifully renovated, classic 17th century Roman palazzo, located in the historic city center. Our fully furnished student apartments are in nearby neighborhoods, all within easy walking distance of the palazzo.

AAP NYC is housed in 5,000 square feet of loft space in the vibrant Manhattan neighborhood of Chelsea, the heart of NY's architecture world and a center of the New York art scene.

ROME

Rome has been part of the college programming for over twenty years and offers an unparalleled opportunity to live and study in one of the world's most historic cities, surrounded by nearly 3,000 years of extraordinary art and architecture and urban development. Program participants often say it is their best undergraduate term!

In addition to core studio courses in art, architecture, and urban studies that allow you to stay on track with your requirements, we offer classes in art and architecture history, drawing, photography, European culture and politics, and Italian language and culture. All courses offered in Rome are applicable toward Cornell degrees, but we advise careful, advance planning to maximize options, especially for the many students who want to spend a semester in Rome AND a semester in New York City.

These programs are open to all students in the college in good academic standing, and we also admit students from other programs at Cornell and from other universities.

Nearly 100% of the college's architecture students go to Rome for one term, usually during their fourth year, and about 75% of the art and urban studies students also choose to make Rome their home base for a semester, usually during their third year. Urban Studies students may study in Rome only during spring semesters (as third or fourth year students); the other two departments run programs both fall and spring semesters. *Currently a large number of architecture students are opting for an entire fourth year off campus with one semester in Rome and one in New York.*

NEW YORK

The College of Architecture, Art, and Planning's studio and classroom facility in New York City offers undergraduate and graduate students a unique opportunity to live and study in one of the most culturally vital urban centers in the world, and to gain valuable professional experience at design firms and nonprofit agencies throughout the city.

AAP NYC offers an expansive curriculum enriched by Manhattan's extraordinary artistic, historical and cultural resources. The college also draws on AAP's extensive network of noted metropolitan professionals who frequently teach and serve as guest critics.

In addition to design studio and classes such as theory, architecture history, technology, and professional practice, architecture students may opt for a 16-hour-per-week internship at a prestigious Manhattan firm. Placements are based on a student's portfolio, GPA, and software competencies. **Urban and Regional Studies** students spend several days a week working with senior executives from New York City's most innovative public, private, and non-profit organizations in addition to their course work. **Art students** enjoy theory/crit and studio classes that take advantage of the tremendous resources of NYC's visual artists and also work at internship sites two days each week.

WHEN TO GO

Students should consider the Rome and New York City options as early as their first year, since application to both programs is made a year ahead. While Italian language study is not required for Rome, it is strongly encouraged (at least one semester's worth; two is better); it is particularly important for urban studies students. *All students should note that beginning Italian is offered on-campus only fall semesters.*

ROME

Architecture: *Fall and Spring terms*

Art: *Fall and Spring terms (3rd year)*

Urban Studies: *Spring term only*

NEW YORK

Fall and Spring terms (usually 4th year)

Spring terms only (2nd year + later)

Fall term only (3rd/4th year)

Both urban options give students the chance to experience a very small school environment with extremely close contact with professors expert at using the city as an unparalleled resource. Students also get regular exposure to internationally known artists, planners, architects, scholars, and critics.

Our staff in Ithaca, Rome, and New York City offers expert assistance and advice to students as they prepare to study off-campus, and then after their arrival in Rome and NY, with orientation to the city and its culture. Three staff members in Rome, fluent in Italian and English, and one full-time program coordinator in NY, ensure a smooth transition and remain available throughout the entire semester for all kinds of assistance.

We encourage you to plan to include a semester of study in Rome and in NYC during your time at Cornell. Without a doubt, these off-campus urban experiences will be a highlight of your years here!

Again, we welcome you and wish you every success with your studies. Please feel free to stop by my office at any time if you'd like more information, and check our websites at www.rome.cornell.edu and <http://nyc.aap.cornell.edu>. I look forward to getting to know you over the next few years!

With best wishes,

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