



THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ROME GRADUATE SCHOOL



**PREPARED TO SHAPE
THE FUTURE**

Fostering students' critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and the pursuit of knowledge, so they can address pressing issues within their disciplines



ROME IS THE INSPIRING CLASSROOM FOR MANY ELEMENTS OF OUR M.A. PROGRAMS

Rome serves as both the classroom for on-site learning and the starting point for discovering the rest of Italy, Europe, and the world.

The capital's vibrant, cosmopolitan community provides a far-reaching network with many international organizations and institutions whose unique and valuable resources enrich the experience of all of our M.A. programs.

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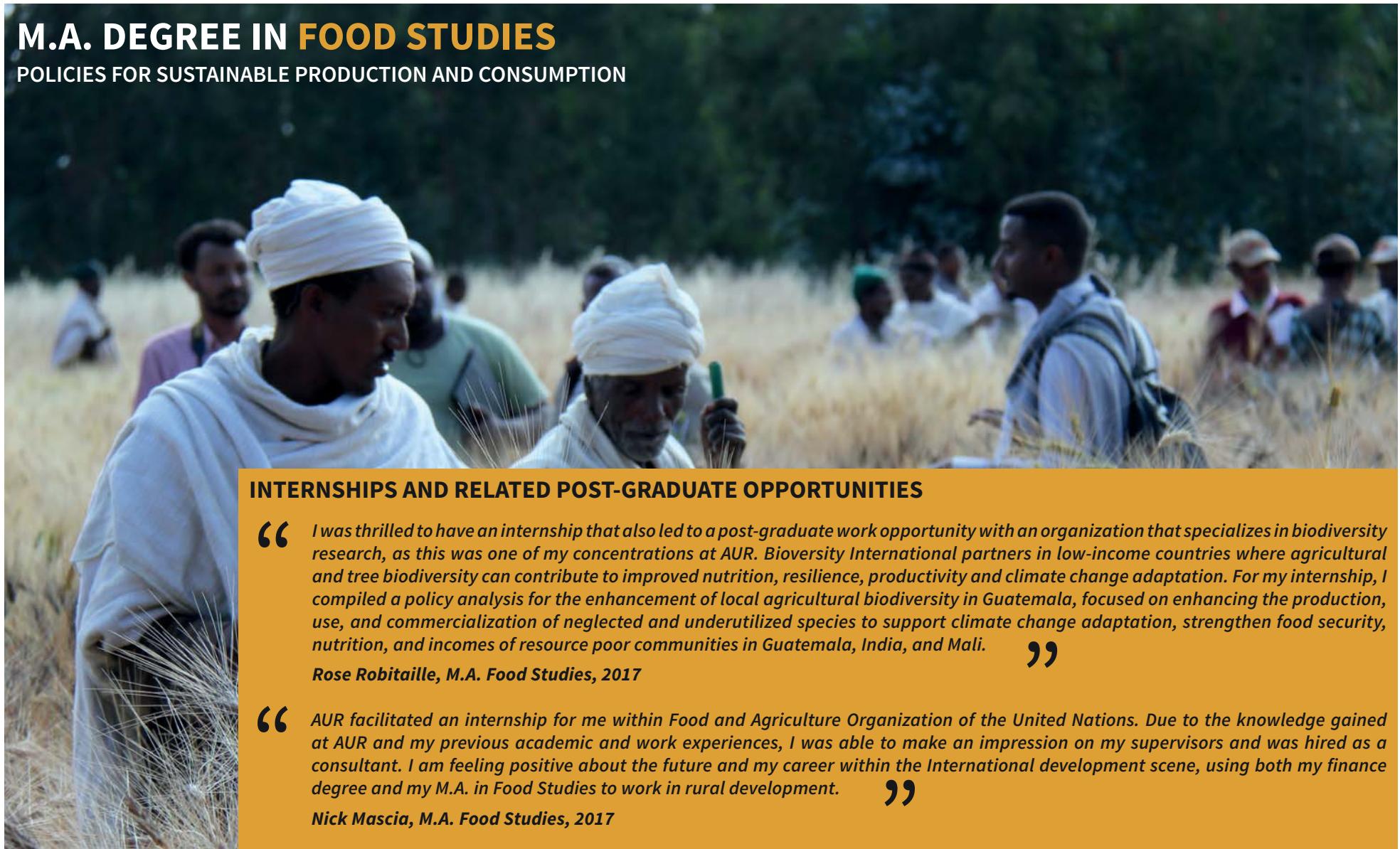
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AUR's guiding philosophy for the creation of the Master of Arts programs is to focus each program on current critical issues within each discipline. Our M.A. programs are specifically designed to nurture the next generation of knowledgeable, practical and informed problem solvers who will move forward in their chosen fields, prepared to positively address current and future challenges.

Faculty are inspired by a commitment to instill in our students both analytical and engaged attitudes towards the study of the past, the present, and the future. The emphasis placed on intellectual development and transferable skills for both academic and professional goals is a cornerstone of AUR's M.A. degree programs.

M.A. DEGREE IN FOOD STUDIES

POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION



INTERNSHIPS AND RELATED POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

“ I was thrilled to have an internship that also led to a post-graduate work opportunity with an organization that specializes in biodiversity research, as this was one of my concentrations at AUR. Bioversity International partners in low-income countries where agricultural and tree biodiversity can contribute to improved nutrition, resilience, productivity and climate change adaptation. For my internship, I compiled a policy analysis for the enhancement of local agricultural biodiversity in Guatemala, focused on enhancing the production, use, and commercialization of neglected and underutilized species to support climate change adaptation, strengthen food security, nutrition, and incomes of resource poor communities in Guatemala, India, and Mali. **”**

Rose Robitaille, M.A. Food Studies, 2017

“ AUR facilitated an internship for me within Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Due to the knowledge gained at AUR and my previous academic and work experiences, I was able to make an impression on my supervisors and was hired as a consultant. I am feeling positive about the future and my career within the International development scene, using both my finance degree and my M.A. in Food Studies to work in rural development. **”**

Nick Mascia, M.A. Food Studies, 2017

M.A. DEGREE IN FOOD STUDIES

The M.A. in Food Studies is a cross-disciplinary program providing skills and critical knowledge about the current situation and development surrounding sustainable production and consumption. Students are asked to consider how we affect the Earth's resources with our food choices. It has inherent international dimensions but focuses on how the associated regulatory frameworks, policies and projects are framed and implemented at regional, national and sub-national levels by public and non-profit organizations, as well as by the food industry.

The program also provides the opportunity to gain specific transferable skills, with electives available in both business and entrepreneurship as well as multimedia and communications.

WHY FOOD STUDIES IN ROME?

Rome is the world's food hub.

AUR's location in Rome means direct and unique access to the high-level international organizations dealing with policies, treaties and programs on food, agriculture and sustainable development:

- Bioversity International
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- World Food Programme (WFP).

Moreover, Italy, with its agro-food industry and long-standing tradition of rural development, can be considered a laboratory of European Union policies. It is host to the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA), the headquarters of the Slow Food International Movement and numerous other civic food networks.



M.A. DEGREE IN FOOD STUDIES

THE FOOD STUDIES PROGRAM

The core courses are obligatory for all students enrolled in the M.A. program. They are designed to provide in-depth knowledge on the different aspects of food production and consumption that characterize the contemporary world food system.

In the first two semesters of course work students identify their main area of interest, choose electives that focus their preferred course of study and begin the process of identifying a topic for their thesis.



AUR MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

“ The broad-based nature of the Food Studies M.A. has been really valuable, because I’m well-versed in a wide range of topics, from food policy history to international environmental treaties or global nutrition issues. I’m constantly learning on the job, so it’s good to feel confident in my skills and knowledge.

The huge advantage of studying at AUR is the university’s proximity to the international food organizations. Students get the chance to participate in UN events and interact with professionals from around the world, providing us with an inside view of how those organizations work. Our professors also have a wealth of knowledge and experience, and I learned as much from discussions during class as I did from writing essays.

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Elinor Brett, M.A. Food Studies 2016
UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs



Exact selection and number of electives offered each year is subject to change.

COURSE DETAIL

The 15-month M.A. program consists of six core courses, four elective courses and the thesis. The total number of credits is 36, of which 30 credits are for course work and 6 are for the thesis.

CORE COURSES

- Food, Environment and Society
- The Global Food Economy
- Research Methods for Social Sciences
- Nutrition Policies and Programs
- Food Policy
- Sustainable Food Systems

ELECTIVE COURSES

- Food, Rurality and Local Development
- Anthropology of Food and Eating
- Statistics for Social Research
- Negotiation and Conflict Management
- Principles of Business: Marketing Mgmt & Operations
- Writing Across Media: Art, Culture and Food
- Communicating with Digital Media
- Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Startup Design
- Food Studies Internship

THESIS AND DEFENSE

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. MARIA GRAZIA QUIETI

Dr. Quieti came to AUR after 26 years of professional experience at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). She worked with governments, academic/research institutions and civic organizations on education programs and technical assistance for sustainable food and agricultural development policies and programs. Her career has spanned the globe, managing projects in Asia, the Near East, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America. She was responsible for the participation of more than 800 civil society organizations at FAO's World Food Summit in Rome in 1996 and, as Senior Policy Officer, the training of country delegates for negotiations on agriculture with the World Trade Organization (WTO).



From 2007-2013, she served as Executive Director of the U.S.-Italy Fulbright Commission where she managed and developed academic programs between Italy and the United States.

Dr. Quieti's areas of research include: sustainable food systems, rural development, WTO negotiations, communicating and building partnerships with civil society, and small-scale investment projects.

Dr. Quieti joined AUR in 2013, is the founding Program Director of Food Studies, and has served as both Dean of the University and Dean of Graduate Studies. She holds a PhD in Social Sciences from Cardiff University, an M.A. in Public Administration from Harvard University, and a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology from Università degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza, here in Italy.

LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS – A FEW OF OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORS

- Harold Alderman**, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute
- Colin Sage**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography, University College, Cork
- Barbara Burlingame**, Professor, Public Health Nutrition and Food Systems, Massey University
- Ann Tutwiler**, Director General, Bioversity International
- Andrew MacMillan**, Former Director of Field Operations Division, FAO
- Georgia Shaver**, Former World Food Programme Country Director and Representative
- Yves Cabannes**, Emeritus Professor of Development Planning Unit, University College London

M.A. DEGREE IN PEACE STUDIES

RELIGIONS IN TIMES OF CONFLICT



WHY THIS, WHY NOW?

Tensions, conflicts and crises are real. Some are even increasing, threatening both local and global societies. To try and reverse the course of these processes is not a simple task. Scholars and professionals who understand the sources and significance of the complex processes involved are therefore vital in addressing these challenges.

M.A. DEGREE IN PEACE STUDIES

RELIGIONS IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

What causes conflicts and what contributes to peace? How can we understand the ever-changing landscape of global crises and tensions? How does the study of different religious traditions and social/political ideas and institutions contribute to conflict resolution and to the promotion of peace, religious and cultural diversity, cross-cultural dialogue, understanding, and cooperation in today's increasingly interconnected world?

The mission of the program is to educate future professionals, scholars, and activists who will go on to contribute to peacebuilding initiatives and processes. The program provides students with a distinct perspective vis-à-vis international conflicts and peacebuilding by fostering in-depth understanding of religion and religious institutions in world conflicts. The program also promotes cultural sensitivity and enables students to understand diverse perspectives and narratives as important elements in the creation and resolution of conflicts.

WHY PEACE STUDIES IN ROME?

Rome and Southern Europe, with their historical significance and prominence in contemporary international affairs, are central to the program. The proximity of other centers and areas relevant to contemporary global affairs – the Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe – is an additional advantage to our location.

Rome is home to a diverse range of multinational political, humanitarian, religious, and research institutions. The city is not only the center of Roman Catholicism. It has now, as throughout its existence, a vibrant religious landscape, with historically important Jewish, Protestant, and Islamic communities. Rome is also the capital of the country that, together with Greece, has been most exposed to the refugee and immigrant crisis over the past years. This gives us the opportunity to examine various policies and practices employed to address the issue, and to take part in relevant projects and initiatives.



M.A. DEGREE IN PEACE STUDIES

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN IDEAL PEACE STUDIES STUDENT?

A Peace Studies student should be a highly motivated individual, capable of articulating a critical stance toward his or her own ethnic/cultural/political context, with an interest in religion, politics, and world affairs.

A background in Humanities or International Relations is an asset.



PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLARLY CAREER POTENTIAL

AUR's M.A. in Peace Studies is designed to prepare students for professional and scholarly careers in regional, national, and international affairs including positions such as:

- Diplomats
- NGO employees
- Reporters on religion and religious institutions
- Public policy makers
- Moderators of conflict resolution and peacebuilding
- Researchers in the fields of religious studies, conflict resolution and inter-cultural dialogue.

COURSE DETAIL

The 15-month M.A. program consists of 10 core courses held on campus over two semesters, followed by a thesis.

CORE COURSES

- Religions and Empires (I)
- Religions and Empires (II)
- Political Economy of Peace and War
- Peace, Politics and Religion
- International Law and Human Rights Protection
- Negotiation and Conflict Management
- Political Islam in Context
- Thesis Preparation
- Democracy & Government: Contemporary Challenges
- International Response to Humanitarian Crises

THESIS AND DEFENSE

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. DAVOR DŽALTO

Dr. Davor Džalto is Associate Professor and Program Director. He has extensive research and professional experience in the areas of religious studies, political theology, ecumenical dialogue, reconciliation, and peacebuilding initiatives. He has published 12 books and more than 70 scholarly articles, essays and critical analysis papers.

Dr. Džalto holds a PhD from the Faculty of Philosophy, Albert-Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg, Germany and has conducted post-doctoral research at the Westfälische-Wilhelms Universität, Münster, Germany.

Dr. Džalto describes the importance of the M.A. in Peace Studies:

"Concrete and coordinated actions are required for finding constructive solutions to the rising global tensions and conflicts. Not just political and religious leaders, but also professionals and scholars have the responsibility to do everything they can to lower the tensions and the threat of wars, violence, environmental destruction and harmful national and international policies. This program is designed to respond to these needs. It prepares students not only to address the already existing issues, but also to redefine the very framework in which the questions of peace and war are posed. We are looking for highly motivated, intellectually curious and open-minded individuals, ready to address critically many of the pressing issues in today's world."





M.A. DEGREE IN SUSTAINABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

The greatest challenge facing cultural heritage is ensuring the long term preservation of our monuments, artistic treasures, historic buildings and cultural traditions. With cutbacks in public spending, pressures from increased tourism, gentrification and climate change, the challenges have never been greater.

This program shapes a new type of professional by offering liberal arts, humanities and social science graduates the opportunity to acquire the practical skills necessary to become a heritage professional in the 21st century.

WHY SUSTAINABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN ROME?

Rome is at the center of debates about global heritage, with major international organizations based in the city, as well as the greatest concentration of heritage monuments and works in the world. No other location can provide a better base to prepare students for a career in this field. In addition, AUR's connections with numerous cultural institutions both in Rome and throughout the Mediterranean allow practical experience in professional circumstances that will help to shape each student's career.



ALUMNUS TESTIMONIAL

“ *The M.A. in Sustainable Cultural Heritage prepared me to think on my feet, to leave no stone unturned, and to respect the history of different cultures; it showed me how to be sensitive and steadfast in representing cultures in a comprehensive way.*
The skills we learned in class translated directly to my day-to-day work, from the theoretical principles discussed with Dr. Higgins, to the practical know-how we developed in courses like Heritage Tourism. AUR offers a unique forum that has opened up possibilities beyond what I had initially considered. **”**

Noble Sullivan, M.A. Sustainable Cultural Heritage 2017

Internship experience at Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C.

M.A. DEGREE IN SUSTAINABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

RECENT DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURES

Ian Hodder: Dunlevie Family Professor in the Department of Anthropology, Stanford University.

The Struggles and Trials of Community Archaeology at Çatalhöyük, Turkey.

Michael Herzfeld: Ernest E. Monrad Professor of the Social Sciences, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University.

The True Greek Tragedy: The Euro and the Cultural and Political Exploitation of Greece.

Graeme Barker: Formerly Disney Professor of Archaeology, University of Cambridge.

Living with Climate Change: Archaeology, Science and Storytelling.

Maheshvari Naidu: Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

(Re)positioning Memory and Heritage: Anthropology of Tourism at Robben Island Museum.



OPPORTUNITIES AT AUR MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

“ I had the amazing opportunity to intern for the Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative (SCRI) in Washington, DC. This experience was essential for me, both professionally and personally, and one I would never have had, were it not for AUR’s master’s program.

I now work at Princeton University as their Campus Collections Assistant in the art museum. My role includes writing, taking photographs and working with well-known artists on new commissions. I am also fortunate enough to work in their Art and Archaeology Department, in the Monuments Men and photographic archives documenting sites in Syria. In addition, I am involved in projects with the Penn Cultural Heritage Center at the University of Pennsylvania focusing on culture in crisis in Syria. **”**

Alyssa Thiel, M.A. Sustainable Cultural Heritage 2016
Campus Collections Assistant, Princeton University Art Museum, U.S.A.



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COURSE DETAIL

The 15-month M.A. program consists of 39 credits of which 30 are for course work, 3 for the internship and 6 for the thesis.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

- Contemporary Issues in Cultural Heritage
- Principles of Business: Accounting, Finance & Economics
- Principles of Business: Marketing, Mgmt & Operations
- Cultural Heritage and International Relations
- Sustainable Conservation
- Heritage Economics
- Principles of Fundraising
- Research Methodology
- Cultural Heritage Internship
- 2 half-credit workshops

ELECTIVE COURSES

- Heritage Tourism
- Negotiation and Conflict Management
- Rome & Athens: From Antiquity to Modern Capital Cities
- Archaeological Resource Management
- Communicating with Digital Media
- Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Startup Design
- Archaeology Practicum

THESIS AND DEFENSE

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. VALERIE HIGGINS

PhD in Archaeology and M.A. in Economic Archaeology from the University of Sheffield, UK

B.A. (Hons) Degree in Ancient and Medieval History and Archaeology from the University of Liverpool, UK



"Like many people who work in cultural heritage, I never set out with this as a career intention. I just loved archaeology and history. In the end, that is what originally attracted me to Rome and that is why I stayed. Living at such close quarters with Rome's magnificent and complex history made me realize both how valuable it is, and also how vulnerable it is. The past is not just something we learn about in books, it is a part of who we are, it enriches us, teaches us, informs us and gives us our roots and identity. Rome's ancient monuments may look solid but they are under threat as never before. Once you realize this, you just want to do something about it."

Dr. Higgins has worked and conducted research in the United Kingdom, the United States, New Zealand and Italy. Her recent research has focused on contemporary issues in archaeology such as heritage issues in Rome, the influence of a nation's recent history on archaeological practice and the impact of digital media on the experience of archaeology.

In addition to her research and teaching at the university level, Dr. Higgins has a strong commitment to making archaeology accessible to a broad audience. She regularly teaches adult learners, lectures to high school groups and appears in various popular international television programs.



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission is on a competitive basis. Applications are accepted for Fall semester entry.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

For more information about individual program requirements please

- visit graduate.aur.edu or
- contact gradschool@aur.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Admission to the Graduate School at AUR is on a rolling basis. Applications for the following academic year will be accepted starting in September.

Non-EU/EEA citizens/residents should apply by June 1st to ensure sufficient lead time for the student visa application process.

Students applying before February 1st are eligible to apply for Merit Scholarships.

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for graduate study must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, having earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or equivalent.

Given the demanding nature of M.A. level work, all students must have a C1 level command of the English Language. Candidates who completed their bachelor degree in a language other than English must therefore supply proof of their current English proficiency, either in the form of an Internet-based TOEFL (minimum 110) or IELTS Academic (minimum 7.0).

Before admittance to the M.A. program, all candidates with completed applications will be interviewed, during which they are expected to demonstrate their commitment and capacity to study at the graduate level.



CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS



Application Form

01

A completed application form accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of €60 for citizens and permanent residents of countries other than United States or Canada or \$60 for United States citizens and permanent residents and Canadian citizens.



Official Transcripts

02

Official university transcripts from all institutions attended. Applicants must have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or equivalent.



Curriculum Vitae

03

A complete curriculum vitae detailing your education, work and volunteer experience.



Motivation Letter

04

A motivation letter (minimum 700 words) explaining your interest in the M.A. program and your career goals, having carefully reviewed the courses that are offered.



Recommendation Letters

05

At least one academic letter of recommendation and one professional letter of recommendation. See website for more information/exceptions.



For Non-English B.A. Holders

Official TOEFL internet-based minimum score 110
Or **IELTS Academic** minimum score 7.0

FEES & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TUITION FEES

Up to date information on tuition and associated fees can be found at www.graduate.aur.edu.

The information below is for guidance only and refers to the base tuition price for academic year 2017/18.

Example fees for citizens & permanent residents of the United States and Canada

- Tuition: \$20,000

The tuition fee covers 36-39 attempted credits (according to the respective M.A. program requirements). Any additional attempted credits must be paid for, according to the prescribed fee.

Example fees for citizens & permanent residents of countries other than the United States or Canada

- Tuition: €15,000

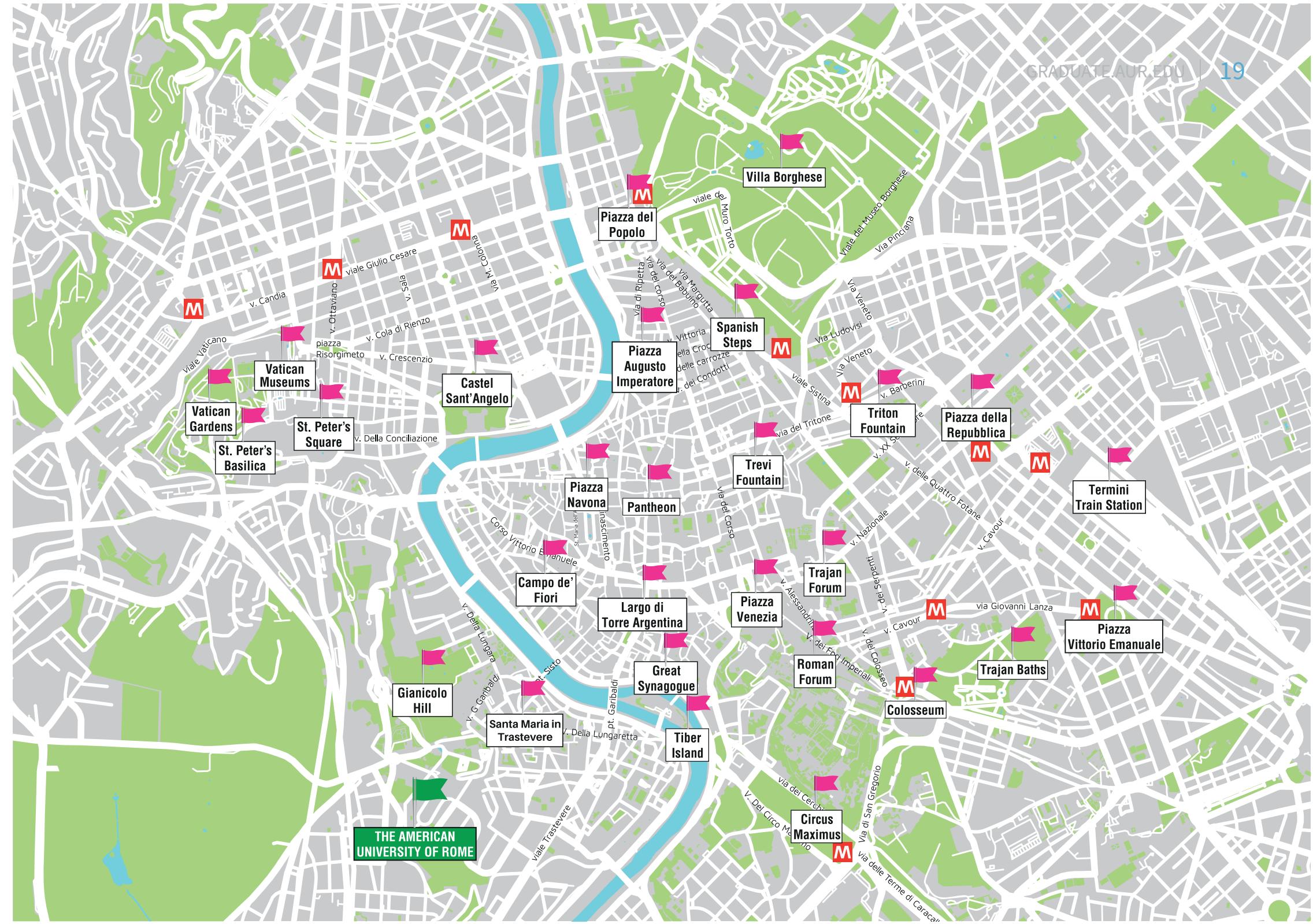
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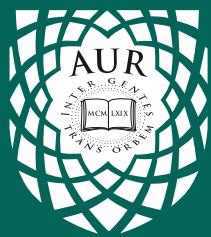
GRADUATE LOANS

The American University of Rome participates in U.S. Title IV Direct Lending to cover the estimated cost of attendance. Our financial aid department is dedicated to guiding students and parents through the process of applying, disbursing and managing these loans.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

A competitive, merit-based scholarship for 50% of the total tuition is available for each of the M.A. programs. All students who have completed their applications by February 1st are eligible to apply.





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