

**The Catholic University of America
The Columbus School of Law
2026 International Human Rights Summer Law Program in
Rome, Italy
Tentative Class & Event Schedule
As of May 2, 2026**

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Orientation will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Rome Center:

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00153 Roma, Italia
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***Students who are staying on campus may check-in on
Saturday, May 16th. between 12 to 3 p.m.***

***Our Welcome Dinner will follow
Orientation – time and place TBA.***

Week One Schedule
Sunday, May 17 to Saturday, May 23, 2026

Sunday May 17 (Class & Time)	Monday May 18 (Class & Time)	Tuesday May 19 (Class & Time)	Wednesday May 20 (Class & Time)	Thursday May 21 (Class & Time)	Friday May 22 (Class & Time)	Saturday May 23
<p>Check-in 12:00 p.m. (noon) – 3:00 p.m. Students staying at the Rome Center may check in to their rooms during these hours.</p> <p>Mandatory Program Orientation 3:30 p.m. At the Rome Center</p> <p>A welcome dinner for all participants will follow the Orientation. Time and place TBA</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>Optional: Meet in Main Lobby at 4:30 p.m. for a walk and gelato in Trastevere</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>Optional: Meet in Main Lobby at 4:30 p.m. for an excursion to one of the MIC sites in Rome</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>Optional: Meet in Main Lobby at 4:30 for an excursion to one of the MIC sites in Rome</p>	<p>IHR Class will be at UNHCR from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet in the Main Lobby at 9:00 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 2:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>ACP 4:30 p.m. – 6:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p>	<p>SPECIAL TOUR - ITALIAN SENATE at 10 a.m.: Meet in the Main Lobby at 8 a.m.</p> <p>LOD 1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>ACP 3:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 5:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p>	<p>No classes – group bus trip to Tivoli to visit Hadrian’s Villa and Villa d’Este. More information on timing will be provided.</p>

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Schedule
Week Two
Sunday, May 24 to Saturday, May 30, 2026

Sunday May 24 (Class & Time)	Monday May 25 (Class & Time)	Tuesday May 26 (Class & Time)	Wednesday May 27 (Class & Time)	Thursday May 28 (Class & Time)	Friday May 29 (Class & Time)	Saturday May 30 (Class & Time)
A free day in Rome! Please contact any member of our Rome Staff for ideas about sightseeing in Rome.	<p>SPECIAL TOUR – CORTE SUPREMA DI CASSAZIONE (ITALIAN SUPREME COURT) at 10 a.m.: Meet in the Main Lobby at 8 a.m.</p> <p>ACP 1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 3:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 5:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>Optional: Meet in Main Lobby at 4:30 p.m. for excursion to one of the MIC sites in Rome</p>	<p>SPECIAL EVENT: PAPAL AUDIENCE at 10 a.m. Meet in the Main Lobby at 6:30 a.m. to walk together to St. Peter’s Square</p> <p>LOD 1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 3:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>ACP 5:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>Optional: Meet in Main Lobby at 4:30 p.m. for excursion to one of the MIC sites in Rome</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>Optional: Meet in Main Lobby at 4:30 p.m. to walk to Trastevere for gelato</p>	<p>A free day in Rome! Please contact any member of our Rome Staff for ideas about sightseeing in Rome.</p> <p>Note: weather permitting, there will be an optional trip to Anzio a town which is about an hour away from Rome and is a significant World War II site that has a World War II museum as well as beaches awarded the Blue Flag for water quality, many fish restaurants in the port area. Modern Anzio is built on was the important Roman port city of Antium and there is also an archaeological park with the ruins of the of the Emperor Nero’s villa.</p>

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Schedule
Week Three
Sunday, May 31 to Friday, June 5, 2026

Sunday May 31 (Class & Time)	Monday June 1 (Class & Time)	Tuesday June 2 (Class & Time)	Wednesday June 3 (Class & Time)	Thursday June 4 (Class & Time)	Friday June 5 (Class & Time)	Saturday June 6 (Class & Time)
<p>A free day in Rome! Please use the day to prepare for your final exams and the busy final week of our program here in Rome.</p> <p>Rain date For optional trip to Anzio</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>Optional: Meet in Main Lobby at 4:30 p.m. for trip to the Orange Tree Garden on Aventine Hill, Basilica of Saint Sabina, and the Aventine keyhole</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>End of Program Celebration Dinner: Time and place TBA</p>	<p>ACP 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>LOD 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p> <p>IHR 2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. (110 class minutes)</p>	<p>Rome Center check-out by 10:00 a.m.</p>	

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May 16-May 24: Open House Roma – Free Guided Tours of over 200 historically or archaeologically significant buildings that are normally closed to the public. For more information and to make reservations, see <https://openhouseroma.org/>

May 23: La Notte dei Musei. Museums and cultural sites stay open from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. with special performances and a symbolic entry fee of €1. See <https://www.museiincomuneroma.it/it/mostra-evento/notte-dei-musei-2026> and <https://www.grandhotelplaza.com/whats-on-in-rome/la-notte-dei-musei-2026-rome>

May 24: Pentecost Rose Petal Ceremony. After morning Mass at the Pantheon, thousands of rose petals are dropped through the oculus to symbolize the descent of the Holy Spirit. This is free but you have to arrive extremely early (before 7 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. Mass). There are no reservations.

May 27-31: Piazza di Siena Horse Show. An elite international show-jumping competition held in the Villa Borghese Gardens. Admission is free. Information is at <https://www.piazzadisiena.it/en/info.html>

May 31: Final stage of the 2026 Giro d'Italia bicycle race with 21 stages that run from May 8-31, 2026. See <https://www.giroditalia.it/en/the-route/>. The traveling fan village, Giroland, with entertainment and exhibitions, will be held in Piazza del Popolo from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The riders do 8 laps of a city center circuit ending near the Roman Forum. Good places to watch are along the Via dei Fori Imperiali or near the Circus Maximus, the Corso Vittorio Emanuele near the Tiber River or the Vatican City passing area. You can buy VIP hospitality packages to view the start or finish in hospitality areas, but they are quite expensive. The professional race starts around 15:40 p.m. and finishes around 6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Note that many streets are closed for the race and other events on this day, so transportation will be affected.

June 2nd is “Festa della Repubblica,” a major national holiday in Italy, celebrating the founding of the Republic in 1946 – the end of the monarchy. Many businesses will be closed, such as banks and many shops. At 9:15 a.m., the president of Italy, Sergio Mattarella, will lay a laurel wreath at the Altare della Patria for the unknown soldier (about a 35-minute walk from the Rome Center) and, simultaneously, there is a flyover display by the Freccie Tricolori (acrobatic air fleet), followed by a military parade starting at 10:15 a.m. along Via dei Fori Imperiali. The Quirinale Palace, the president’s residence, will not have its gardens open to the public this day as they have been in the past. Instead, there will be a “people’s celebration” in the square

for the 80th anniversary of the Republic, with shows and screens. More information will be forthcoming as it is available.

**Departure – Friday, June 5th
Students residing in the Rome Center must check-out on Friday, June 5th
by 10:00 a.m.**

Ciao and safe travels home!