

# Participant Handbook for Semester Programs

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Our desire at Rome with Purpose is to create an atmosphere that allows you to mature as a person, and to grow in faith and obedience to Christ. Just following rules and regulations will not develop your character or cause spiritual maturity though some rules are necessary to function in a community setting. It is rather our desire to follow and obey Christ that will help us to grow, as well as to live peacefully in a supportive community. Our overriding principles are:

- *Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12*
- “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Luke 10:27

Living in another country makes these principles even more important. We are guests in Italy, and as such we need to be sensitive to culturally inappropriate behavior. We are to be salt and light in a spiritually very dark place, which means we must act and react in a way that honors God.

If we follow these principles, very few rules will be necessary! However, a few specifics are needed:

## Honesty

We expect honest work in each class with no fabrication, cheating or plagiarism.

## Attendance

Regular class attendance is expected of all students.

## Drugs, Tobacco, and Alcohol

The use of illegal drugs and tobacco are not allowed. The use of alcohol is not allowed at Rome with Purpose events.

## Signing In/Out

As a safety precaution, students leaving the convent—even for a short excursion in the city--are expected to sign out prior to departure. Upon returning, signing in is also necessary.

## Computer Use

Using a computer and the Internet during your time at Rome with Purpose for any illegal activity (pornography, pirating, etc.) will be liable for immediate dismissal. We reserve the right to inspect any and all files stored in private areas using our network.



When we live in community, just like when we live as a family, we each have specific responsibilities that we share. During the semester program, students will be expected to help at least twice a week with grocery shopping, food preparation and cooking of meals. You will be expected to do your own laundry. (A European-style washing machine will be provided. In Europe, laundry is generally hung on racks or clotheslines to dry.) Common areas and bathrooms will be cleaned by personnel at the convent but each student is responsible to keep their room decent and in order.