



Lang College – John Cabot University Exchange Program Info Sheet

John Cabot University, founded in 1972, is an independent, four-year liberal arts university, offering an American undergraduate education in Rome, Italy. JCU's academic programs use to the fullest extent the special resources of its international faculty and students and the extraordinarily rich offerings of Rome as a city of culture, history, art, creativity, business and international affairs.

Eligibility

- Matriculated students of Lang College in good academic and disciplinary standing
- At least sophomore standing (30 credits) by the time of program participation
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- No prior knowledge of Italian is required
- Students are expected to resume their studies at Lang upon conclusion of the program

Note: Students with financial need will be given priority for exchange positions, but all Lang students are welcome to apply and attend. For more information, see "Tuition & Fees"

Courses & Registration

Schedule & descriptions:

http://www.johncabot.edu/academics/courses/SP 2014 PreliminaryCourseSchedule.pdf

JCU offers several hundred challenging courses, most with an international emphasis, in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Business Administration. The average class size is 15 students. Some classes are held onsite at historic locations in Rome.

- Students are expected to register for a **minimum of 12** and **no more than 17** credits per semester, and no more than 6 credits per summer session. The normal course load is 15 credits per semester.
- Online course preregistration: **April** for fall/summer, **November** for spring (note schedules may be adjusted during JCU's add/drop period).
- Course prerequisites are waived, but students should make sure they have the appropriate background before requesting a particular course.

- Courses are pre-approved for general credit transfer. If students wish to apply a course towards the major, however, they must get written approval from the appropriate department chairperson for their major/minor at Lang.
- 3-9 credit internships are possible.

Room & Board

Housing options: http://www.johncabot.edu/student_life/housing-and-residential-life/default.aspx
Meal plan: http://www.johncabot.edu/student_life/meal-plan.aspx

Students are strongly encouraged to apply for JCU housing, since housing in Rome can be difficult to negotiate independently. For student accommodations, JCU carefully chooses Roman apartments and residential hotels, all of which have student resident assistants. JCU also offers an optional meal plan, which provides breakfast and lunch at restaurants near campus, and a cooking class.

- Options & Costs:
 - Residence hotel (dorm suites)/apartment: \$4,800-\$6,800 per semester
 - MEAL PLAN (optional): starts at \$175 for 20 meals per semester (inquire about other options)
- REFUND POLICY: Housing payments may be refunded (less the nonrefundable \$1,000 housing deposit) if notice is received in writing before the payment deadline for the requested term. After that date, and before moving in, the refund will be 50% (less the deposit). After occupancy, no refund is possible. Cancellation of the meal plan is possible if written notification is presented to the Office of Housing and Residential Life along with the unused meal plan vouchers during the first week of classes of the semester (first day for summer), and student will incur a nominal cancellation fee.

Health Insurance

Valid health insurance is required in Italy. Please check with your provider to determine coverage for Italy. As long as the following conditions are satisfied, students may avoid buying Italian health insurance: 1) the health insurance is valid in Italy, 2) the health insurance company writes an official letter stating that the student is covered in Italy, 3) the student has proof of insurance, such as a card or policy, 4) the Italian Consulate provides a verification letter in Italian, as stated in the Italian visa application instructions. Students without appropriate insurance coverage may purchase Italian emergency health insurance (INA), which covers emergency treatment only.

Immigration Documents

All students who are citizens of countries outside the European Union who will stay in Italy for more than 90 days must obtain a Student Visa from an Italian consulate/embassy before arrival, and must obtain a Permit to Stay (permesso di soggiorno) after arrival. **IMPORTANT: To obtain a visa, you must have a valid passport (that expires no less than six months after the end of your stay) to present to the Italian consulate/ embassy. ** Apply for a visa well in advance of the program start date because it will take at least one month and perhaps longer to obtain it.

Although the student visa does not allow students to undertake paid employment, JCU sometimes offers minimally paid campus jobs.

- Italian visa and residency permit instructions and required documents:
 www.johncabot.edu/student life/legal-requirements-to-study-in-italy/default.aspx
- Italian consulate in New York: www.consnewyork.esteri.it/Consolato NewYork
- Directions on making an appointment with the New York consulate:
 www.consnewyork.esteri.it/Consolato NewYork/Menu/I Servizi/Per chi si reca in italia/

Tuition & Fees

A limited number of exchange positions are available for Lang students each semester at JCU. Lang students with financial need will be given priority consideration. All Lang students studying abroad at JCU remain matriculated at Lang. Students interested in JCU's summer session should contact New School Student Financial Services to discuss how financial aid might apply for summer studies.

- Students offered a position in the exchange program will be billed standard New School (and not JCU) tuition and will keep their normal financial aid package (excepting federal work study, Federal Perkins Loan, and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant). For more information, contact New School Student Financial Services. Students will be responsible for any remaining tuition balance as usual. If a student withdraws from the program at any time, s/he is subject to the tuition refund policy of The New School.
- Students not offered a position in the exchange program will be billed standard JCU (and not New School) tuition. Only federal financial aid (excepting federal work study, Federal Perkins Loan, and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant), and potentially outside loans and scholarships, can be applied toward the JCU tuition costs. For more information, contact New School Student Financial Services. Students will also be billed a mandatory New School Health Services Fee. If a student withdraws from the program at any time, s/he is subject to the tuition refund policy of JCU.
- <u>Health insurance</u>: Depending on which provider student chooses, this is billed either through the New School, a private provider, or Italian emergency health insurance (INA).
- JCU admissions deposit: The deposit is waived for all students accepted through Lang.
- <u>JCU fees expected before departure for all Lang students</u>, which are payable directly to JCU:
 - Housing: JCU's housing deposit of \$1,000 is waived; HOWEVER, students must pay
 either the full amount OR at least \$1,000 (with a letter verifying that the balance
 will come from other means, i.e., financial aid) by the deadlines stated below.
 - Optional meal plan
 - PRE-DEPARTURE PAYMENT DEADLINES: July 15 for fall; November 15 for spring.
 Should a student withdraw from the program at any time, s/he is subject to the refund policies of JCU for these charges.
- <u>Italian Student Visa</u>: Free of charge for students. **NOTE: When submitting the visa application, students must show proof of financial support while in Italy (approx. \$500-600 per month), demonstrated by documents verifying personal or family resources and/or financial aid. Many times, students must also show evidence of funds necessary to return to the home country (i.e., a return airline ticket).

- Italian Residency Permit: approx. 200 Euros, payable very soon after arrival
- Students are also responsible for payment of travel expenses and local transportation, books, personal expenses and other incidentals. If additional financial obligations (i.e., library fines or damage fees) are incurred, students must resolve these with JCU in order to receive transfer credits from the program.

Academic Calendar

http://www.johncabot.edu/academics/academic-calendar.aspx

JCU offers a three-day orientation before the start of classes for the semester. Students should plan to use arrival dates provided by JCU if interested in an airport pickup; otherwise, a taxi ride from the airport to campus costs approximately 45 Euros (and requires about a half hour).

- Fall 2013: Orientation August 28-September 2; Classes September 2-December 5
- Spring 2014: Orientation January 8-12; Classes January 13-April 24

Application & Deadlines

Students should apply through Lang to be considered for the exchange program or the tuition discount (see "Tuition & Fees"). Applications are available at Lang Advising, 64 West 11th Street. All application materials should be submitted to Dechen Albero, the Study Abroad Advisor, by the following dates:

- March 1 for fall/academic year admission
- October 1 for spring admission

Questions? For more information, contact:

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