

San Mateo County Community College District
Film Studies in Rome
Summer 2025



The AIFS program fee based on an enrollment of 15-19 participants is: \$3,845 and includes the following:

Accommodation:

- Twin-bedded rooms within a shared apartment housing four to six SMCCCD participants. Apartments are centrally located and include shared kitchen and living space, onsite laundry facilities, linens, and towels, and Wi-Fi
- An independent housing option is available – **see optional components below**

Meals:

- Self-catering facilities at student accommodation, a welcome meal and farewell meal

Travel Pass:

- Travel pass for unlimited travel on public transit in the central zones of Rome for the duration of the program

Academic Support, Cultural Activities, and Excursions

- An orientation program in Rome consisting of a meeting with experienced AIFS staff, covering topics such as general acclimation to Italy, safety and security issues, cultural differences, travel, money, cultural activities, and a local area walking tour
- A walking tour of historical Rome with a focus on film sights throughout the city with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide
- A second walking tour on a film theme (*to be confirmed with the San Mateo County Community College faculty*)
- Reserved entrance with guided tour of Cinecittà studios
- Reserved entrance to the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill with a focus on film, and the services of a professional, English-Speaking guide
- A ticket to a film viewing at the Cinema Nuovo Sacher studio
- A visit to the movie library Umberto Barbaro
- A traditional Italian cooking class

Also Included

- A team of experienced Student Services staff to ensure the smooth running of the program provide information and advice, organize excursions and supervise housing, and 24-hour emergency contact service
- Comprehensive medical insurance policy and in-app features

Optional components:

- Transportation package including round-trip airfare between San Francisco (SFO) and Rome (FCO) and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the participant housing on the standard program dates for \$995; and mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges of \$690 (subject to change)
- Optional meal plan consisting of 10 vouchers for breakfast, lunch or dinner in local trattoria in Florence for \$250. They have no cash value and must be exchanged for a set menu. Dietary requirements are catered for at a limited number of restaurant options.
- Independent Housing: Participants who wish to secure their own accommodation in Rome may select to do so at a reduced participant fee of \$1,000.00 and will be responsible for the airport transfer on the scheduled arrival and departure date, and to and from meeting points on travel days.

Program does not include the following:

- Textbooks
- San Mateo County Community College District tuition and/or administrative fees
- Meals other than those listed
- Passport and visa fees if applicable
- Field trips or excursions required by your instructors
- Personal expenses
- Anything else not specified

2025 PROGRAM DATES

Saturday, June 7	Depart the U.S. for Rome.
Sunday, June 8	Arrive in Rome.
Thursday, July 2	End of program. Depart Rome.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIFS FEES

Summer Program	Fee	Deadline	Optional	Fee	Deadline
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	March 14, 2025	Airfare	\$995.00	April 11, 2025
Balance of fees	<u>\$3,395.00</u>	April 11, 2025	Taxes/Fees (subject to change)	<u>\$690.00</u>	April 11, 2025
Total	\$3,845.00		Total Transportation Package	\$1,685.00	
Independent Housing	(\$1,000.00)	(Credit)	Meal Vouchers (10)	\$250.00	April 11, 2025
Balance/Own Housing	\$2,395.00	April 11, 2025			

All participants must submit the \$450 enrollment deposit when completing the online enrollment form. Subsequent payments may be made by check, e-check or credit/debit card. Checks should be made payable to "AIFS." American Express, MasterCard and Visa are also accepted. **Participants who elect to make their own housing arrangements in Rome will be billed the reduced program fee of \$2,845.**

Please note: A \$35 returned check fee will be charged on all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

AIFS TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

Participants have the option of purchasing a round-trip ticket for the flight arranged through AIFS. Participants choosing this option should note the following restrictions: Tickets purchased from AIFS are exclusively on scheduled airlines (not charters). They are not endorsable to another carrier. Flights are not necessarily direct or non-stop, they cannot be rerouted, and frequent flyer miles are not applicable. The AIFS Transportation Package includes round-trip ground transportation from the airport overseas to your accommodations on the regularly scheduled program dates. AIFS will book flights only on the dates indicated in this document.

Participants wishing to purchase the Transportation Package should select this option on the online enrollment form, or if you wish to add the flight after you complete the form you must notify AIFS in writing by Thursday, February 27, 2025. Participants wishing to cancel the flight must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, April 11, 2025. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.

AIFS Airfare Regulations: Return must be to original U.S. departure city. Tickets are subject to airline availability. No refunds are available for any unused portion of the ticket. Stopovers are not permitted. Once overseas, participants may be able to change their return date, but only if that date is available and in the same class of service in which the ticket was booked. Only the ticketing agent can provide this information. Participants are subject to agency and airline-imposed change fees and space availability.

AIFS cannot guarantee that all passengers will be booked on the same flight.

A minimum of 10 participants must take the flight for it to be offered.

Refund policy and important dates to remember should you need to cancel your participation:

Withdrawing on or before Friday, March 14, 2025	All fees paid less than a \$150 processing fee will be refunded.
Withdrawing after Friday, March 14, 2025, and on or before Friday, April 11, 2025	All fees paid less the \$450 deposit and any non-refundable deposits paid by the participant or by AIFS on the participant's behalf will be refunded.
Withdrawing after Friday, April 11, 2025	No refund and the total program fee is due.

Please note that after the final payment deadline the full program fee is due to AIFS even if you have not yet paid and do not participate or plan to participate in the program. Non-refundable financial commitments have been made to secure your spot. If a participant withdraws once the program has begun, there is no refund. This refund policy applies whether a participant pays AIFS Abroad directly for all, part, or no program fees.

Protecting your investment:

Participants may purchase additional trip cancellation or interruption insurance which allows them to protect their study abroad program. This policy includes options to cancel for any reason (CFAR) and interrupt for any reason (IFAR). Details of the Worldwide Trip Protector Plans with Travel Insured International (TII) is underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company, rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Information on these options is available on the Travel Insured

International website – www.travelinsured.com - or by phone at 855-611-0918. ***The policy is time sensitive and must be purchased within 21 days after the deposit is paid.***

Access, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (AIDE) general social identity resources:

At AIFS Abroad, we support all participants in your study/intern abroad journey, inclusive of your gender, race, religion, age, physical ability, and sexual orientation. Everyone has a complex identity, and the different aspects of your identity are important when deciding on a program and location. Exploring the identities, you hold and learning about those of others is also an important part of this journey. We invite you to use the information here - <https://www.aifsabroad.com/student-resources/> - before, during, and after you study abroad.