Spring 2016 Orientation Schedule

Each year, and each semester, the John Felice Rome Center (JFRC) begins with a series of events and trips to build community among our new group of students. Our first days together are geared toward providing you with necessary information; settling into your accommodations; and introducing you to one another, the staff, Monte Mario, Rome, and to Italy. This calendar provides a list of sessions and group activities from January 13-27 that are mandatory. Our schedule provides plenty of time to explore the city and travel in Italy and Europe. Our primary goal is to use these first two weeks to help acclimate you to your resources and your new community.

We will be ready to welcome you starting on **Wednesday, January 13 at 9:00AM**. If you plan to arrive in Rome before January 13, you will need to find alternative accommodations. Consider some of the lower cost hotels listed in the Guest Accommodation section of the JFRC webpage. Let us know that you have arrived by contacting RomeSLA@luc.edu so we can anticipate your coming to JFRC when doors are ready to open.

During the week, you will be asked to sign up and pay for various Orientation Week events and JFRC traditions. You will want to have about €250 cash in hand for these activities (ie. Dinner in the Community, Mass of the Holy Spirit Dinner, Calcio League, etc). It may be easiest to exchange dollars with your bank in the US or at the Airport when you arrive. For added convenience, there is also an ATM (bancomat) located on campus.

During these first days, there will be two Orientation meals that are partially subsidized by the JFRC, offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The first of these is a group dinner hosted at a nearby restaurant in Monte Mario (Students pay €25 for the dinner). The second meal follows the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a special event that marks the beginning of the semester and the closing of Orientation. Following the Mass, students will have a meal in the historic district of Rome (which will cost participants €20). Students are strongly encouraged to join the JFRC community for a taste of Italian life and to build relationships. With limited seating, students will be given an opportunity to register for one or both of these meals during Orientation.

**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

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Registration begins in Sala Chandler. The Sala Chandler is where you pick up your keys, information packets, as well as register for Orientation events, prepare information for your Permit to Stay, and ask any general questions. Staff and Student Life Assistants (SLAs) and staff will be present to answer questions and provide instructions related to move-in procedures.

**Rinaldo’s Café Bar** will be open throughout the day for breakfast, panini, pizza, salads, etc.
12:00 – 3:00 PM  **Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa** (Cafeteria)
(Already Flight lands at 2:05PM)

1:00 – 3:00 PM  **IT session** (Information Commons)
    Want to log on the JFRC network? Drop-in to register your laptop, phone, and tablet!

1:30 & 2:30 PM  **Walking Tours** of Monte Mario Neighborhood (Optional)
    Each tour will originate from the JFRC Portineria (Reception Desk). The brief tour will help direct you to the Bancomat (ATM), the bus stop, the local grocery, and various other neighborhood conveniences.

6:00 – 7:00 PM  **Introductory Meeting** – (Conference Room)
    All students must attend this meeting which will cover Loyola University Community Standards & JFRC policies, safety procedures, and tips for your first days in Rome.

7:00 – 8:30 PM:  **Cena (Dinner) in Mensa**

8:30 PM:  Zone Residents depart for the Zone Hotel

**Gelato Outing** with SLAs

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**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

9:00 AM:  Zone residents meet in lobby for breakfast
9:30 AM:  Zone residents leave for JFRC Campus

10:00 AM – 12:45 PM:  **Orientation Meetings Cycle**
    **Permesso Workshop, Floor Meeting, & Rome FAQs Sessions**

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12:00-2:00 PM:  **Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa**

2:00 – 3:30 PM  **Survival Italian Language Session #1**
    Consult class lists posted on board in reception area/porter’s desk.

4:00 – 4:30 PM  **Safety in Rome – US Citizen Services** – (Conference Room)
    The US Embassy Consular Section will detail student expectations abroad.

4:45 – 5:30 PM  **Introduction to Academic and Student Life at the JFRC**
    Location:  Conference Room
    JFRC Staff and Administration

    Marilyn Vitale, Associate Director
    Cynthia Bomben, Associate Dean of Students

    **Student Life Assistants:** Pedro Guerrero, Elly Hahn, Michael Cronin,
    Samantha Juarez, Fran Homan, Ryan Bedell

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All sessions are MANDATORY unless otherwise noted.
Welcome Convocation & Dinner Reception (Conference room)
Prof. Emilio Iodice, Vice President, Loyola University Chicago and Director of the John Felice Rome Center
Dr. Alexander Evers, Dean of Academics
Convocation represents a rite of passage for John Felice Rome Center students to begin their new lives in Europe. Vice President Iodice and Dr. Evers will welcome the Spring Semester Class of 2016 together with the entire JFRC community. A dinner buffet will follow in the JFRC Mensa.

Evening: Centro Storico SCAVENGER HUNT
Explore Rome and learn how to use public transportation at night! Bring your FREE bus pass found in your Orientation Packet.

Friday, January 15, 2016

9:00 AM: Zone residents meet in lobby for breakfast
9:30 AM: Zone residents leave for JFRC Campus
10:00 – 11:00 PM Study Trip Informational Meeting (Conference Room)
Details will be explained pertaining to all JFRC Study Trips. Trip itineraries, costs, and travel tips will be provided.

11:00 – 12:00 PM Staying Happy & Healthy during your JFRC Experience (Conference Room)
Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa- PLEASE follow the times assigned:

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12:00-2:00 PM: Join Full Year students in the Conference Room about making the most of your experience in Rome from an insider’s view!

2:00 – 3:30 PM Survival Italian Language Session #2
Consult class lists posted on board in reception area/porter’s desk.

4:00 PM "When in Rome" Cultural Workshops:
Last names A-G Student Lounge
Last names H-O Conference Room
Last names P-Z Rinaldo’s Café Bar

7:00 – 10:00 PM Cena (Dinner) in the Balduina Neighborhood (optional and limited to first-come-first served basis)
For those wishing to have a dinner in the neighborhood, the first 120 who register will gather for a traditional Italian meal at several local neighborhood restaurants. Students attending will depart at 7:00 pm from the Reception Desk in the JFRC Lobby. Purchase bus tickets at the Reception Desk if you would like to explore Rome afterwards. This meal will cost €25. Mensa service will be available for those who do not leave campus for dinner.

Cena (Dinner) in Mensa will be available from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

Saturday January 16, 2016 Il Foro Romano & Il Colosseo

9:00 AM: Zone residents meet in lobby for breakfast
9:30 AM: Zone residents leave for JFRC Campus
10:30 AM Roman Forum/Colosseum lecture (Conference Room)
Meet at the Portineria (Reception desk)
In ancient times, the Roman Forum and Colosseum represented the heart of the Mediterranean world. Today, the monuments serve as one of the world's most visited historical sites. Students will first hear from JFRC Academic Dean and classics professor, Dr. Alexander Evers, about the significance and magnitude of the ancient forum. The afternoon will allow students to explore the Colosseum and Forum. All are encouraged to return to campus via public transportation as an opportunity to learn how to navigate the Eternal City.

12:00 PM Departures for Colosseum and Roman Forum by bus
Sack lunches will be provided to all students; Mensa will be closed for lunch service due to this excursion.

6:00 – 7:30 PM Cena (Dinner) in Mensa

Sunday January 17, 2016 Orientation Day Trip

This day trip is part of Orientation activities and is required for all students.

8:00 AM: Zone residents meet in lobby for breakfast
8:30 AM: Zone residents leave for JFRC Campus
9:30 AM: Departure for Lazio countryside of Tuscia- Land of the Etruscans
12:30 – 2:00 PM Community Pranzo (Lunch)
5:00 PM Return to JFRC
6:00 – 7:30 PM Cena (Dinner) in Mensa
9:00 PM Mass in JFRC Chapel
Sunday Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the JFRC Chapel. All are welcome to join.

Monday January 18, 2016 Classes Begin

8:00AM – 12:00 MANDATORY Permit to Stay Processing – trip to Poste Italiane Post Office
PLEASE SIGN UP for your time slot with ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS by January 15!

12:00 – 2:00 PM Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa
5:45 – 7:30 PM Cena (Dinner) in Mensa

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

8:00 -10:00 PM: Student Life Programming Fair (Student Lounge)

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

8:00 PM: Rome and Travel on a Budget Session– (Student Lounge)

Friday-Sunday January 22-24 Orientation Weekend Trip in Campania

This is a mandatory trip for all JFRC students. Students should not schedule weekend plans on these dates.
A detailed itinerary will be emailed to students.

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 Mass of the Holy Spirit

7:00 PM: The JFRC community will celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit at Chiesa di Sant’Ignazio in the historic district of Rome. The Mass of the Holy Spirit is a tradition that initiates the academic semester and brings Orientation to a close. This celebration is optional and open to all members of the JFRC community, regardless of their religious affiliation. A community dinner in the historic center immediately follows the Mass. Students will be asked to pay €20, a partial cost of their meal.

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