For Accepted Students Handbook
Location-Based Program: Rome, Italy
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Congratulations! We are looking forward to your participation in this unique and engaging program. We have compiled some important information for you; please review this carefully with your family and don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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I. Before You Arrive

Next Steps - Required Items

You will soon receive a personalized email outlining a checklist of items that need to be completed in order for you to attend the program. Included in the checklist are student account activations, electronic billing and payment access, travel itinerary request, forms completion via DocuSign and an online tutorial that reviews Brown’s values and policies. As you work through the steps, it is recommended that students and parents write down all usernames and passwords.

Forms are submitted electronically through DocuSign, an electronic signature provider where you can digitally fill out and sign our required forms and waivers. Forms include sections for both students and parents to complete.

You can expect to complete the following forms:

● Pre-College Off-Campus Programs Student Acceptance and Release and Waiver Form
● Medical Authorization Form
● Physician’s Immunization and Medical Report – Requires a medical provider's signature
● Off Campus Dietary Concerns Form

If applicable:

● Disability, Medical, and Dietary Services Request Form
Students may indicate a need for academic, housing, dietary and/or transportation accommodations when completing the Disability, Medical and Dietary Services Request section of the Medical Authorization and Health History Form. Students will then be sent the link to complete the form which will be submitted to Student and Employee Accessibility Services (SEAS). Please reference the SEAS guidelines for documenting a disability and contact them if you have any questions or concerns: SEAS@brown.edu or 401-863-9588. Students should request accommodations with as much notice as possible to ensure accommodations can be arranged.

Online Program Orientation

An online program orientation for you and a parent is scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at 6:00pm, EDT. We will review important program information and give you an opportunity to ask
questions. We require you to attend the online orientation or schedule a follow-up conversation with the Program Director by emailing precollege@brown.edu. To participate in this orientation, you will need access to a computer (no webcam necessary).

**Register for the Orientation here:**
[https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6151891084640420354](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6151891084640420354)

**Travel Dates and Times**

**Program Dates:** Sunday, June 25 - Saturday, July 8

**Arrival – June 25, 2017** at Rome Fiumicino International Airport (FCO) by 12:00pm (Rome local time).

**Departure – July 8, 2017** from Rome Fiumicino International Airport (FCO) by 1:00pm (Rome local time).

*Please contact a program advisor at 401-863-7900 or precollege@brown.edu before making a reservation if your flight falls outside of these time frames.*

Once you have confirmed your flights, please submit the travel itinerary form. This form will be sent to you in your checklist email.

**Unaccompanied Minors**

Airline policies and services regarding unaccompanied minors vary. If you plan to use this service provided by your transportation carrier, please contact us in advance so we can discuss its feasibility. There may be instances when we are unable to fulfill the required protocols.

**Airport Pick-Up and Drop-Off**

**Arrival:** Students are met at the Rome International Airport by Brown University staff wearing “BROWN” t-shirts. After students collect their luggage at their respective terminals, Brown staff will meet them at the Customs exit door.

**Departure:** At the end of the program, students are transported from the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies (Centro) to Rome International Airport. Staff will accompany students to
their respective departure terminal to assist with check-ins and moving through security checkpoints. However, once students are through security, they are responsible for communicating with parents and managing their flight home.

**Flight delays**
Staff closely monitor all arrival flights and will be available at the airport in the event of unexpected travel delays. If you experience a delay while traveling to Italy, please call or text Brown’s On-site Director, Jose Paix at (401-323-7965) with your new arrival time.

*Please note:* This number will not be active until a few days before the program starts.

**Communication with Families**
Program Staff will communicate with families during the program via email during key points, such as arrival and departure as well as arrival to overnight visits. Email communication will primarily be intended to inform families that students have arrived safely at destinations.

Families will also receive access to the program blog which will include student posts about program highlights and student learning.

**Packing List**

**Required Items**
- Passport
- Round-trip ticket
- Government-issued photo ID
- Photocopies of important documents – passport, credit cards, etc.
- Prescription medicine, including inhalers and epi-pens, in their original packaging and a copies of prescriptions
- Cell phone activated for international use (Optional: [www.travelcell.com](http://www.travelcell.com) for international phone rental)
- Adapter plug that supports universal voltage 110V-240V
- Rome city map (recommended: Rough Guide or Streetwise Rome)
- Notebook and pens
- Day bag or small backpack for weekend trips
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
● Water bottle
● Comfortable and sturdy walking shoes
● Comfortable and sturdy sandals or flip-flops
● Shower robe and slippers
● Pajamas
● 1-2 sweaters, sweatshirts, or light jacket
● Rain jacket/poncho or umbrella
● One or two pairs of long pants
● One “dressy” outfit (including shoes)
● Day-to-day clothing (shorts, sundresses, jeans, t-shirts)
● Toiletries/personal items (i.e. shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair dryer, etc.)
● Mini First Aid Kit (with Band-Aids, antibacterial, gel, bug bite pen, etc.)
● Spending money (see below)

Computers
Students are not required to bring their laptop computers but are welcome to do so. There is wireless internet everywhere at the Centro. Alternatively, computer labs are available for student use.

Laundry
Coin operated washing machines and dryers are available at the Centro.

Spending Money
The most convenient way is to acquire a prepaid credit card that can be used as a credit or ATM card. Visa or Mastercard are most widely accepted. Another alternative is to use your bank ATM card; be sure to have your bank activate your card for overseas use before your departure. Cash can also be easily exchanged at the airport or at several locations in the city, but there is usually an additional exchange fee for this service.

What not to bring
Students are prohibited from bringing illegal drugs, alcohol, and weapons of any sort, including pocket or Swiss army knives.
II. During the Program

Communication

As a general rule, we try to stay tuned in to each other and to our natural surroundings throughout the program so we ask that use of mobile devices (for phone calls, texting, social media, etc) be limited to free time in the evening. Letting go of the frequent connection to our phones helps us form a community and adjust to a new environment more quickly.

To contact us in an emergency, parents may call Jose Paix, the On-site Director, at 401-323-7965. Please note: this number will not be active until a few days before the program starts.

Accommodations and Meals

Students reside at the Centro in double or triple rooms fitted with bed and bathroom linen. Shared hall bathrooms are separated by gender.

Students can expect three healthy meals each day served buffet style at the Centro’s dining hall. With a few meals to be organized at local restaurants. We will work with Centro staff to make accommodations for dietary restrictions and food allergies if we are notified in advance.

Health and Wellness

Dietary Restrictions and Medical Conditions

We will work with the staff to make accommodations for dietary restrictions and food allergies if we are notified in advance. Students must communicate significant food allergies that require meal accommodations (e.g. gluten, shellfish, soy, eggs, milk) on the Disability, Medical and Dietary Services Request Form. Please indicate dietary preferences, including vegetarians and vegans, on the Dietary Concerns Form to allow us to plan accordingly.

Prescription Medications

Students’ prescription medications will be collected by the On-Site Director or his/her designee on the first day of the program. Students must be responsible for requesting and taking prescribed dosage. Students with life-saving asthma and anaphylaxis medications (eg. Epi-Pens and inhalers) must keep them on their person at all times. All students who are taking prescription medications should bring prescribed medication in the original container, and a
copy of their prescription and give it to the On-site Director. Having a copy of the original prescription will enable us to replace medication if needed.

**Personal Health and Medical Emergencies**
The Rome program is experiential in nature so students spend minimal time in a traditional classroom setting. The program can be physically challenging as students spend much time walking throughout the city and off-site locations in sometimes very warm and humid temperatures. Students are encouraged to monitor their water intake to avoid dehydration. For your safety and comfort during the program, we expect participants to fully disclose any and all pre-existing medical conditions in required medical forms.

Program staff maintains a list of medical facilities and providers to provide students with the medical care required. In the event of a medical emergency, students will be transported to a local hospital located with minutes of the Centro.

**Adequate Sleep**
Our days are busy, requiring the students’ energy and attention throughout the day. Although we ask students to be in their rooms by curfew, we respect that students’ ability to choose when to go to sleep. For some students, this will be a new experience! We encourage students to monitor their sleep requirements and to respect their roommates need for sleep.

**Insurance**
Each student participating in an international Pre-College program is automatically enrolled in HTH Worldwide during the length of the program. HTH Worldwide provides insurance coverage for accident and sickness, and also emergency assistance services. Prior to departure, students will be emailed instructions on how to log into the HTH Worldwide site for coverage and benefit information.

**Safety and Supervision**
Evening supervision will be provided by program staff staying at the Centro’s residence halls. Staff is available for support and assistance 24 hours a day.

Quiet hours on campus are from 9:00pm to 6:00am. Curfew is at 10pm, at which point students are expected to be in their rooms and keeping noise to a minimum.

**Fellow Students**
There will be approximately 20 students from all over the United States and the world in the program. Usually there are slightly more girls than boys ranging from grades 10-12.
III. Policies

Code of Conduct

Please review the Brown Pre-College Code of Conduct.

Financial

The payment deadline for the program is **Thursday, May 25**. Students must be paid in full PRIOR to the start of the program. Please review our financial policies, including payment and refund information.

Evaluation

Students will receive a Course Performance Report, written by program staff and will also be asked to complete a course evaluation. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a Certificate of Completion. All completion materials, including the evaluation, will be sent 6 weeks after the program concludes. The certificate will be sent via US Mail, but other items will be sent electronically to the email we have on file.