

To take an exchange semester abroad had always been a dream of mine so I never even second-guessed if I wanted to go. The tricky question was instead where. But after some thought I decided on Rome and haven't regretted it for a second.

I went to John Cabot University which is an American University that is located in the Trastevere area of Rome. Most other students at the school were American exchange students and about 20% were Italians. Before I came the communication with JCU went smooth and easy.

The orientation/welcome programme was nice. The first 2-3 days the senior students showed us around the campus and explained how to find the classrooms, doctor, cafeteria, etc. The last day of orientation they took us on a tour of Rome and showed us some major tourist attractions and how the subway worked.

The public transportation in Rome consists of a very small subway system, a tram that runs in Trastevere into the city and several busses that rarely are on time, nor is the subway for that matter so walking often faster.

The school arranged living for all exchange students and I lived in an apartment in Trastevere with five Americans. The apartment was a bit too small for six persons, especially considering how expensive it was (about 1000 euro / month). We did get cleaning service once a week and two guards outside the building at all hours and a fully equipped kitchen.

The courses I took was Market and marketing research, consumer behaviour, international finance, international management and advertising management. Of these international finance was the hardest course, advertising management had the heaviest work load and consumer behaviour was the most interesting and my favourite. The quality of the teaching was very good, some professors came from very prestigious universities like Cambridge and Stanford.

Overall my experience at John Cabot University in Rome was very good. The classes and teachers were all great and my English improved a lot since I lived with Americans.