Overview

Through a reciprocal agreement between LUISS – Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali – Guido Carli and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly in any bachelor level field of study at LUISS for a semester or a year. Students study alongside LUISS and international students, and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by LUISS and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis.

Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: 2.75
Language of Instruction: English or Italian

Incoming Exchange students’ website
Incoming exchange students guides:
• http://www.luiss.edu/sites/www.luiss.edu/files/Useful_Information_for_Erasmus_an_Exchange_Students_1213_Completo.pdf
Information on accommodation
List of courses in English for the current academic year

Academic Calendar 2013-14:
Fall Mandatory arrival date: September 4 (Italian Crash Course Sept 5-13)
Classes begin: 16 September 2013
Classes end: 7 December 2013 (11 weeks of classes)
First examination period: from 9 December to 20 December 2013
One examination date for all courses will be offered before the winter holidays.
Second examination period: from 7 January to 14 February 2014 (can leave after first exam period, but cannot retake exams)

Spring mandatory arrival date: 14 February 2013
Classes begin: 13 February 2014
Classes end: 17 May 2013 (13 weeks of classes)
Examination period: from 19 May to 5 July 2014

LUISS is a small independent University with high academic ranking. It has a policy of selective admission and quality control of its academic standards and emphasises the international dimension of studies.

LUISS offers an advanced educational model, strongly oriented towards the needs of the global market and new professions, with a singular vocation to select the best. The objective of the LUISS model is not only to transmit knowledge, but above all, to teach flexibility.

The University is in Rome, capital of Italy. The main campuses are located in two of the city’s most beautiful areas: Trieste and Parioli. The city of Rome offers a wide range of interesting possibilities, thanks to its unique richness of history, culture and art. Students will have the amazing opportunity to travel through history while walking on its streets.

Strengths
• A set number of students for all departments
• Admission by entrance test (for degree-seeking students)
• Full-time compulsory attendance of courses
• Organization of courses into semesters
• A highly qualified teaching staff
• Intensive study of foreign languages and computer training
• A large specialized library and a catalogue that can be consulted directly from the university’s web site
• An extensive network of international exchanges
• Seminars and conferences on important issues as a complement to lectures (in Italian and English)
• Assistance by qualified tutors during the entire university study period
• Personal counselling service to facilitate integration and to optimize study strategies

Areas of Study

Exchange students may take classes in English in:
• Bachelor’s Degree in Economics and Business
• Bachelor’s Degree in Politics Philosophy and Economics
• The courses in English offered by the Department of law
Information about the degree programmes entirely taught in English can be found at:

- http://www.luiss.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies

Other Bachelor-level classes are available to students who are proficient in Italian.

**Student Facilities at LUISS**

Guest students will have the same facilities as Italian students:

- Italian language courses
- LUISS E-mail
- Access to the wireless network
- Computer and printing facilities
- Café and University canteens
- Sports
- Cultural Activities
- Conferences
- The University radio and Web TV
- Video Service
- Bookstore
- Shuttle Bus between campuses

**Student Reports**

Our agreement with LUISS is still too new for student reports! Why not be one of the first to contribute?

**Classes**

CALS Exchange students are required to take 30 ECTS (15 credits) per semester at LUISS.

The study programmes and the ECTS brochures in English are available at:

- http://www.luiss.edu/prospective-students/exchange-students
- http://www.luiss.edu/prospective-students/exchange-students/ects-course-catalogs

**Enrolling in Classes**

You will send a Learning Agreement (Programme of study) approved by your advisor and the college before arrival in Rome.

From the beginning of classes, students will have one week to select courses and make their final choice. A course registration form must be presented to the Student Exchange Office of LUISS, by the given deadline.

After the deadline it will not be possible to change or add courses. Students will only be allowed to drop courses.

The final learning agreement can be defined, after arrival, as soon as the course enrolment procedures have been completed.

**Italian Crash Course**

LUISS offers a free Italian language crash course in September and extensive courses in both semesters to exchange students who have been admitted to LUISS Guido Carli University, under an exchange programme. The courses are at three levels: beginners, intermediate and advanced. CALS Requires our students to attend the crash course.

**Exams**

Exams can be taken only on the official dates. Exchange students will take their exams in the same conditions as regular students. Exchange students are NOT authorized to organize their exams individually with their professors. Students should make their travelling arrangements according to the examination periods.

**Examination Periods 2013-2014**

**First - Fall semester exams**

- From 9 December to 20 December 2013
  - One examination date for all courses will be offered before the Christmast holidays.

**First - Fall semester exams**

- From 7 January to 14 February 2014

**Second - Spring semester exams**

- From 19 May to 5 July 2014

Guest students will be automatically registered for all the examination dates (appelli) of all the courses they have taken.

For each course, LUISS offers two or three examination dates (appelli) during a long examination period. Guest students will have to register on-line for the examination dates (appelli) of the courses they have chosen and indicated in the course enrolment form.

The official examination dates will be posted on-line at the end of each semester. You may search the dates from www.luiss.it as follows:

- select Dipartimenti
- http://www.luiss.it/it/dipartimenti/
- Select the Department you are interested in
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Exams can be taken only on the official dates.
The Italian University system is based on oral exams although some courses may require written work during the semester or a written exam before the final oral examination.

At the end of each exam students must always sign the examination register (verbale d’esame) which will also be signed by the professors. This is very important, otherwise the grades will not be included in their transcripts of records.

Registration of the exams

- On the date of the oral exams students MUST ALWAYS REGISTER THE GRADE BY SIGNING THE EXAMINATION REGISTER (verbale d’esame) which will also be signed by the professors.
- After a written test students MUST ALWAYS ATTEND THE ORAL TO COMPLETE THE EXAM AND REGISTER THE GRADE BY SIGNING THE verbale d’esame.
- IF THE EXAMS ARE NOT REGISTERED, THE GRADES WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS.

Please note that the only way to sign the verbale is if you are present the day for the signature, that, in case of a written exam, will not be on the same date.

Grading

Individual courses are graded on a scale of 18-30. The minimum passing grade to receive credit in CALS is 21/30.

Accommodation

Housing is guaranteed, as long as you apply by the deadline. Students live in off-campus rooms in private apartments with other students. A private organization, CTS, takes care of housing for LUISS’ exchange students.

Student Visa

International students studying in Italy are required to have a student visa. Applications are made online once a formal “offer letter” is sent from the host university.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

- Housing: the average cost is about 350/400 € (for a place in a double room) and about 500/600 € (for a single room) a month plus extras (telephone, electricity, heating, etc.)
- Meals: about 3.20 € per meal at the University cafeteria. From 5 to 25 € in take-away pizza shops, bars, pizzerie, trattorie.
- Public transport: the price of a monthly card (tessera intera rete) for all public transport is 35 €.
- One bus ticket € 1.50.
- Books: about 300 € per semester.
- Cinema: a ticket costs about 8.00 €.
- Theatre and Concerts: the average cost is between 15 and 30€, but many associations give students reduced prices.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS-not the university directly.