Welcome to John Cabot University, an American liberal arts university in the heart of Rome.

We provide an educational experience firmly rooted in the American tradition of the liberal arts and solidly international in orientation. The academic programs are designed to use to the fullest extent the special resources of a multicultural faculty, an international student body, and the extraordinarily rich culture and history of Rome and the surrounding region.
Internationalize your undergraduate degree in Rome, Italy
ROME IS YOUR CAMPUS

John Cabot University is nestled along the Tiber River in Trastevere, a beautiful neighborhood in the city’s historic center. The area is like a small village within the big city, with narrow cobblestone streets, quaint shops and boutiques, and family-owned restaurants on every corner.

John Cabot’s three campuses - Guarini, Tiber, and Critelli - are a ten-minute walk from one another. Studio art facilities and residence halls are also nearby.
AMERICAN DEGREE PROGRAMS

Grounded in the American liberal arts tradition, yet truly global in outlook, our 13 degree programs focus on allowing students to develop the critical thinking, creativity, cross-cultural communication, and innovative problem-solving skills required in today’s interconnected world.

MAJORS

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
• Business Administration
• Economics and Finance
• International Business
• Marketing

HUMANITIES
• Art History
• Classical Studies
• English Literature
• History
• Humanistic Studies
• Italian Studies

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
• Communications
• International Affairs
• Political Science

MINORS are available in the major fields above (except International Business), as well as Creative Writing, Entrepreneurship, Legal Studies, Philosophy, and Psychology.
Art History

With its wealth of archaeological sites, churches, museums, and galleries, Rome offers an unparalleled environment for the study of art. The BA in Art History emphasizes art-historical theories and analytic methods with a strong focus on the visual arts of Europe and North America.

Dr. Inge Hansen, Denmark
Associate Professor of Art History and Archaeology
M.A., Edinburgh University, 1993
Ph.D., Edinburgh University, 2001

Business Administration

The BA in Business Administration provides students with a challenging curriculum in the context of a dynamic learning environment. Courses emphasize the importance of clear communication and require projects, reports, and formal presentations.

Anastasia Shmatina, Ukraine
John Cabot University graduate
B.A., Business Administration and Marketing, 2018
Business Developer and Marketing Manager, Messagenius
Communications

The BA in Communications gives students the skills to excel in the creation, dissemination, and analysis of messages. The program integrates technology in its instruction and incorporates international contexts for the study of communications.

Dr. Pierpaolo “Peter” Sarram, USA and Iran
Associate Professor of Communications
B.A., Boston College, 1986
M.A., Northwestern University, 1995
Ph.D., University of Milan, 2013

Classical Studies

The ancient Roman world is still present in Rome’s monuments, artwork, and inscriptions, making this the ideal location for majoring in Classical Studies. Students will learn to think analytically about the foundations of Western Civilization as well as their own contemporary world.

Costanza Prenassi, Italy
John Cabot University graduate
B.A., Classical Studies and History, 2019
M.A., Culture of the European Renaissance, University of Warwick, expected 2020
Economics and Finance

The BA in Economics and Finance gives students a solid base in the theoretical, quantitative, and analytical skills necessary to pursue further study and careers in areas that require a solid background in economics and finance.

Dr. Mary Merva, USA
Professor of Economics, Dean of Academic Affairs
B.A., California State University, Long Beach, 1982
M.A., Rutgers University, 1985
Ph.D., Rutgers University, 1989

English Literature

The BA in English Literature emphasizes the historical and cultural understanding of the development of literature in English from the Anglo-Saxon period to the 21st century, in addition to the theory of various literary genres.

Marialaura Grandolfo, Italy
John Cabot University graduate
B.A., English Literature, 2017
M.St., English, University of Oxford, 2018
Humanistic Studies

Students pursuing the BA in Humanistic Studies learn to appreciate and analyze cultures by exploring literature, art, history, philosophy, and religion. The major encourages inquiry into the human condition beyond the confines of a single discipline.

Dr. Tom Bailey, UK
Associate Professor of Philosophy
B.A. University of Oxford, 1996
M.A. University of Warwick, 1998
Ph.D. University of Warwick, 2003

History

The BA in History provides the intellectual breadth and analytical skills that allow students to make meaningful connections between the past and the present. Students will interpret the cultural, social, economic, and political factors that shape the ways in which societies change over time.

Benjamin North, USA
John Cabot University graduate
B.A., History, 2018
J.D. in Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, expected 2021
The curriculum of the BA in International Business provides a challenging business curriculum, allowing students to explore specific issues of doing business in a globalized world, including those of a political and economic order, as well as those related to specific situations in marketing and management.

Kelson Adams, USA
John Cabot University graduate
Senior Software Engineer, Hatchify
Co-Founder and Partner Quorum Code

The curriculum of the BA in International Affairs has traditional strengths in global justice, public policy, European institutions, religion and politics, peace and conflict resolution studies, human rights, and global political theory.

Leonardo Quattrucci, Italy
John Cabot University graduate
B.A., International Affairs, 2013
M.P.P., University of Oxford, 2014
Lead, Europe, Middle East and Africa, Amazon Web Services, Institute
Featured on Forbes Magazine’s “30 Under 30” List, 2016
Marketing

The BA in Marketing provides students with a firm base in the core conceptual fields, including market dynamics and consumer behavior theories, marketing strategy scope, and specific operation fields, such as communication and branding efforts and distribution/value chain/demand management.

Dr. Michèle Favorite, USA and Italy
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business and Communications
B.A., Brown University, 1982
M.Phil., Oxford University, 1984
D.Phil., Oxford University, 1988

Italian Studies

The BA in Italian Studies combines the study of Italian literature, culture, society, and politics, while developing students' fluency in Italian language. JCU’s Roman setting enables students to engage daily with the multifaceted realities of contemporary Italian life.

Dr. Isabella Clough Marinaro, UK
Associate Professor of Italian Studies
B.A., Bath University, UK, 1994
Ph.D., Bath University, UK, 2006
Political Science

The curriculum of the BA in Political Science has traditional strengths in the behavioral and historical study of American, European, and international institutional politics, as well as global public policy, human rights, peace and conflict studies, and global political theory.

Joseph Astrella, Canada
John Cabot University graduate
B.A., Political Science, 2015
M.A., University of Kent, 2018
Reporting Officer, FAO South Sudan

AMERICAN DEGREE PROGRAMS

The US liberal arts tradition allows students to tailor their degrees to their academic and professional goals, with the option of pursuing one or two majors, complemented by a minor. All students complete the general distribution requirements in mathematics, science, social sciences, humanities, and fine arts.

FACULTY

John Cabot University faculty hold advanced degrees from Harvard Law School, the University of Cambridge, Yale University, and many of the world’s other leading institutions. Professors are active researchers, artists, and business consultants.
Life after JCU

John Cabot University’s Center for Career Services is the bridge between your academic and professional careers. Whether you wish to find an internship, pursue further graduate study, or begin your international career, John Cabot University is dedicated to helping you reach your goals. Our alumni network spans 110 countries and 10,000 members, many of whom are active in JCU’s Alumni Association.

Some of our internship partners include:

- Accenture
- Associated Press
- Bulgari Luxury Goods
- Coca Cola in Italy
- Ernst & Young
- Hilton Hotels
- IBM Italy
- Italian Red Cross
- MAXXI Museum of Modern Art
- Office of the Italian Prime Minister
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- United States Embassy to Italy

Matilde Cannata, Italy
John Cabot University graduate
B.A., International Affairs, 2016
M.A., Elliott School of International Affairs of George Washington University, 2018
Recipient of Princeton in Africa Fellowship
Student Life

John Cabot University strives to create and maintain a spirit of tolerance, mutual respect, and good will to contribute to building a better world.

The University offers a wide range of student services and activities that promote community life, such as cultural and social events, trips, dinners, and barbecues.
ORIENTATION

Beginning with our airport pick-up service and continuing throughout the week, dedicated orientation staff and student leaders organize campus and city tours, conduct workshops on useful topics like safety, and introduce students to JCU services and policies.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Students have the opportunity to develop their teamwork and leadership skills by participating in our 28 clubs and organizations, including Model United Nations, the Theater Society, the Business Club, and the student newspaper.

ATHLETICS

Our soccer, volleyball, and basketball teams compete with teams across Rome. Many students take part in our intramural sports and our athletics excursions, as well as work out in our fitness center, which offers equipment and exercise classes.

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We host a wide variety of events on campus and provide discounted tickets to performances, as well as organize cooking and wine-tasting classes and weekend trips throughout Italy.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Community Service Program nurtures a sense of social responsibility and global citizenship. Students give back to the Roman community, from volunteering with refugees to taking part in our community outreach program in local high schools.
HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE

John Cabot University offers three main housing options: the Gianicolo Residence, the Lungara Apartments, and the Viale Trastevere Apartments. Housing is guaranteed for all four years. All apartments come fully furnished with a kitchen, washing machine, linens, and basic kitchen supplies. In the event that the JCU residences reach capacity, the Housing Office contracts independent apartments offering the same standard amenities.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Office of Health and Wellbeing is dedicated to supporting students as they adjust to university life in Rome. In addition to counseling and psychiatric services, we have English-speaking doctors on campus twice per week who see students free of charge.

SAFETY

While Rome is a safe city, students are advised to take the same precautions they would take at any urban university. John Cabot security officers provide additional protection at our campuses and residences, and we are in close communication with local law enforcement officials and the US Embassy. JCU employs the SAFETY emergency notification system, a mass messaging and communication system to contact the University community in case of an emergency. John Cabot's emergency response team is available through our 24/7 emergency hotline.

MEAL PLAN

The Tiber Café, John Cabot University's cafeteria, is complete with a four-course buffet, salad station, gelato machine, and coffee bar. The Tiber Café serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner and offers various meal plan options.
Living in Rome is a truly unique experience. The Eternal City has played a pivotal role in history for thousands of years and remains a top travel and study abroad destination for a reason: there is no other place with such incredible history, architecture, and culture, while being such an important player in contemporary world politics.

Rome offers countless activities for students. They can cheer on their favorite Italian soccer team at the Stadio Olimpico, explore Rome’s 50+ museums, attend open-air rock and jazz concerts among Roman ruins, or spend an evening at the opera. Rome is home to 12 UNESCO World Heritage sites, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, over 900 awe-inspiring churches, and breathtaking parks and gardens.
Students can enrich their already international undergraduate experiences by spending a semester or year abroad at one of our partner institutions in North America, Europe, Africa, or Asia through our Going Global Exchange Program. Participants keep their existing financial aid and scholarships and pay JCU tuition to cover their time abroad.

JCU students may also apply directly to study abroad at any regionally accredited American university or any national university that is recognized by a country’s higher education authority.

UNITED STATES
California, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Texas, Utah, Virginia

EUROPE
Greece, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway

AFRICA, ASIA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST
Egypt, Japan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Korea, United Arab Emirates
SCHOLARSHIPS

University-funded scholarships are available to all qualified first-year and transfer students, as well as to returning students who maintain satisfactory academic progress. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic performance, financial need, extracurricular activities, achievements, and awards.

US FEDERAL STUDENT AID

John Cabot University is authorized by the US Department of Education to administer Federal Direct Loans to US citizens and permanent residents enrolled as degree-seeking students. The Federal Direct Loan program provides Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans to students, and parents may be eligible to borrow Direct PLUS Loans.

US VETERAN AID

John Cabot University certifies enrollment for US veterans and their dependents studying on the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
Contacting the Admissions Office is your first step to learning about the challenging liberal arts education that John Cabot University provides to students from around the world. If you decide that John Cabot may be the right place for you, we will guide you through the admissions process.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Online application or Common Application
- Official transcripts of all secondary and post-secondary education
- One (transfer students) or two (freshmen) letters of recommendation written by teachers, counselors, professors, or advisors
- A 600-word personal essay
- Interview by phone, Skype, or in person
- Evidence of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS) for students who have not attended an English-language institution for at least 2 years
- SAT or ACT scores (US high school students only)