



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ROME CENTER

SCHOLARS ABROAD



GALILEO: ORIGINS OF MODERN SCIENCE AND ASTRONOMY | MARCH 14–20, 2027

BE A STUDENT AGAIN!

AN IMMERSIVE STUDY EXPERIENCE IN ROME, BLENDING CLASSROOM AND ON-SITE LEARNING TO EXPLORE GALILEO'S WORLD.

The UW Rome Center's Scholars Abroad program invites learners of all ages to embrace lifelong learning in the heart of Italy's capital. Taught by Rome-based UWRC instructors, courses take place both in the classroom and at cultural sites throughout the city. This session is focused on **Galileo: Origins of Modern Science and Astronomy (March 14–20, 2027)**, it examines Galileo's life, discoveries and influence on modern science, along with the cultural and intellectual world of seventeenth-century Italy. Lectures, site visits tied to Galileo and astronomy's history, and discussions with local experts bring these ideas to life. Italian language sessions emphasize practical communication skills for daily life, helping participants confidently engage with their surroundings and deepen their cultural understanding.

Hands-on activities, day trips, cooking classes and film screenings round out the week. Ideal for anyone drawn to science, history and the Italy that shaped them.

INSTRUCTORS

Robert Jedicke, Ph.D. Emeritus faculty at the University of Hawaii, specializing in asteroids, comets and interstellar visitors; connects Galileo's observational astronomy with modern planetary science.

Mariella Mastrogiacomo. Roman archaeologist and art historian (La Sapienza University); explores how power, papal courts and visual culture shaped the debate around Galileo's ideas.

Valentina Mariani. Italian language instructor with 10+ years of experience (BA and MA, Rome); has taught in Australia, the Netherlands and England and works with several American universities in Rome.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- **Galileo: Origins of Modern Science and Astronomy** runs March 14–20, 2027.
- All courses are taught by Rome-based instructors at the University of Washington Rome Center.
- We ensure a small class size to provide a superior educational experience.
- A limited number of UWRC apartments are available to participants.

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Space is limited. Elevate your personal and professional journey with expert-led seminars and unforgettable experiences.

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THE UW ROME CENTER IS HOUSED IN PALAZZO PIO, SURROUNDED BY CENTURIES OF HISTORY.

753 BCE

The year Rome was founded

1650

The year the Palazzo Pio was built

1985

The year the UWRC was inaugurated