The Academic Program
John Cabot University is a four-year American university in the heart of Rome that welcomes visiting study abroad students to its campus. The student body population is made up of 1000 students from over 60 countries around the world. As a four-year university, you may expect to find campus services that range from academic departments, athletics, clubs and organizations, community service, dining services, health services, a writing center, career services, and more, all of which visiting study abroad student can take advantage. Their website – www.johnocabot.edu – offers an extensive amount of information and you are highly encouraged to get to know the university you will be attending.

John Cabot offers small classes (generally about 15 students per class) at two different campuses: Tiber Campus and Guarini Campus. Both campuses are located along the banks of the Tiber River in the historic center of Rome. Courses are taken with other students attending John Cabot University and are taught in English. There are over 100 faculty members who hold degrees from Universities around the world.

John Cabot offers a wide variety of course options in over 30 different fields of study. Many of the courses also incorporate historic locations in Rome into the curriculum or may include study trips throughout Italy. Term-specific course schedules and syllabi are available on the John Cabot website.

Though John Cabot is considered an American university, its environment and academic style are very much Italian. The academic programs are designed to take the best advantage of a multicultural and international student body, faculty and staff, and the extraordinarily rich culture and history of Rome and the surrounding region.

Academic Calendar
The John Cabot Academic Calendar is available online.

Registration
IAP will register you for a special “Study Abroad Course” for the term(s) you will be studying abroad; therefore, it is not necessary for you to register on the UW-Madison campus. This is a temporary registration, which will be converted into graded UW-Madison credit after the completion of your program and IAP’s receipt of your JCU transcript.

You will register online for your John Cabot courses prior to the start of your term abroad. John Cabot will email you regarding how and when to register for your courses. Prerequisites for courses are waived for visiting students; however, you should consider if you will have enough background knowledge of the subject to be successful in the course before enrolling. You may do this by looking at the course syllabi available on the John Cabot website.

John Cabot does watch the trends during registration to see where they may need to add sections of classes and may make adjustments where they are able to. If a course is full and you need the course in order to graduate, contact John Cabot (registrar@johnocabot.edu) to see about course availability to you. Proof of the course being required by your degree plan in order to graduate will be requested by JCU. You would work through the JCU Registrar and your UW academic advisor if that is your situation.

Equivalents and Course Equivalent Requests (CER)
Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison “equivalent” and the grade you receive in the course also transfers back to be recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. In order to establish UW-Madison course equivalents for your study abroad courses, you will submit a Course Equivalent Request (CER) through your My Study Abroad account. The deadline to submit the CER is by the end of the fourth week of classes (not including pre-session terms). Detailed information on the UW course equivalent process that you will use through your My Study Abroad account is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and in your My Study Abroad account under the academics tab.
Course Notes

- **On-Site Activity Fee**
  Some courses have an on-site activity fee (noted on the course schedule) for local site visits and/or supplies. You are responsible for the cost of these fees as they are not included in your program fee to IAP. You will pay the on-site activity fee directly to John Cabot.

Limits and Load

Students are expected to enroll in a full-time academic program.

- **Semester/Academic Year:** The requirement on this program is to maintain a minimum of 12 UW credits. You may take up to 17 credits.
- **Summer:** You are required to enroll in two courses per summer session for a total of 6 credits.

Credits

IAP has established a 1:1 credit scale for translating credits from the John Cabot University program to UW-Madison (i.e. a 3-credit JCU course is equivalent to a 3-credit UW-Madison course).

Grades and Grade Conversions

The grading conversion scale from John Cabot University to UW Madison is the following:

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Pass/Fail

Please see the general IAP Study Abroad Handbook for pass/fail policies. You must take all courses at JCU for a letter grade. If you make a request in your IAP MySA portal by the deadline listed to have a course placed on your UW transcript as pass/fail, your JCU grade will be converted using the scale above then converted to an S or U grade.

Internships

Most internships are a non-credit experience. Students may at times have the option of completing internships for academic credit and work with a JCU professor to act as a sponsor to draw up the academic curriculum. Interested students may inquire directly for internship opportunities with John Cabot by visiting their Center for Career Services.

Independent Research Projects

With approval from John Cabot, you may be able to register for independent study/research options that allow you to receive credit for academic work, supervised by a member of the JCU faculty in a non-classroom setting. Courses offered regularly in the curriculum cannot normally be taken as independent study. Independent study courses must be completed within one semester. You may refer to the John Cabot Student Handbook for further information.

Institute for Entrepreneurship

The primary aim of the Institute for Entrepreneurship is to provide education and training in the fundamentals of best entrepreneurial practices, and build a network of like-minded friends in the JCU community. The Institute welcomes visiting students from all fields who are interested in undertaking a new project – be it advocacy, not-for-profit, or for-profit. The Institute taps into the academic offerings related to entrepreneurship and related disciplines; offers events such as talks and conferences; and provides targeted resources and services such as workshops, internships, counseling and mentoring. Students can even earn a Certificate in Entrepreneurship during their time at John Cabot!