



KNIR
ROYAL NETHERLANDS
INSTITUTE IN ROME

**Join us in Rome to broaden
your horizons!**



**You bring your curiosity, an open mind, and a readiness
to study across disciplines and we will bring the expertise
to develop your understanding of this amazing city and
its connections to the rest of the world throughout history**



The Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome (KNIR) offers small-scale, intensive courses in an informal setting. You will be part of a vibrant academic community which will foster your learning and drive your creativity. Our staff is dedicated to hands-on, interactive teaching, and to learning through interdisciplinary research.

We offer an immersive experience with professors and students from different disciplines and universities; you will get a profound understanding of sites, artifacts, monuments, and other artworks in and around the Eternal City. Join us in our research in archaeological fieldwork, digital humanities, palaeography, epigraphy, archival skills, and/or museum practice.

Rome in the World and the World in Rome

Our programme is based on the idea that Rome is a perfect site to learn about the past, present, and future of human history. Rome itself is an ideal case study for a wealth of cultural and historical processes, but also a node of knowledge about (former) cultural, political, religious, and colonial networks across the globe.



"The Rome excursion added a level of immersion and historical sensation that wouldn't be possible otherwise. It created a deeper, emotional realisation about history."

Student participating in 'Myth and Imperialism in Early Republican Rome', - March '23



KNIR Course Programme 2024 - 2025*

1st semester (autumn '24)

Course	Date	For
Minor Programme Rome – Florence (In collaboration with NIKI Florence)	26 Aug – 20 Dec	BA
Archaeological Field School Exploring Mountain Society in Ancient Samnium	Sept/Oct	BA/(Re)MA/PhD
Archival Politics. Culture, Power, and Suppression	31 Oct – 11 Nov	(Re)MA/PhD
Coins and the sacred in Roman and Early Modern Times	11 – 20 Nov	(Re)MA/PhD
Collecting the World in Rome	21 – 30 Nov	(Re)MA/PhD
Mining Library Treasures	2 – 16 Dec	BA/(Re)MA
Symbolen van de macht. Recht en Staat van Rome tot de Europese Unie (tbc)	20 – 31 Jan	BA
Winter School Roma Caput Mundi	31 Jan – 14 Feb	BA

2nd semester (spring '25)

Course	Date	For
Narrazioni e Memorie di un'Italia divisa	14 – 23 Feb	(Re)MA/PhD
The Art of Making: Workshop Practice in the Early Modern Period	24 Feb – 10 March	(Re)MA/PhD
The Archaeology of Colonial Foundation Narratives in the Ancient Mediterranean	10 - 20 March	BA/(Re)MA/PhD
Latin Epigraphy on Location	21-30 March	(Re)MA/PhD
Jews, Christians and Mithraists. Traces and Traditions of three "Oriental" Religions in Imperial Rome	22 Apr – 5 May	BA/(Re)MA/PhD
Writing Rome. Literary Approaches to the City from Antiquity up to the Present	5-19 May	(Re)MA/PhD
Imagining Africa: Colonialism and Coloniality through Visual and Material Culture	19 May – 2 June	(Re)MA/PhD
Archaeological Field School Exploring Mountain Society in Ancient Samnium	May/June	BA/(Re)MA/PhD
Archaeological Field School: Unearthing a Roman Villa in Satricum	July/Aug	BA/(Re)MA
NWIB Summer School Urban Heritage	July	BA

*provisional titles and dates, please check our website for up-to-date information, ECTS, and deadlines

Who should apply?

We encourage applications from a broad range of students and researchers associated with one of these Dutch universities: RUG, UvA, VU, RU, UL, or UU. Your curriculum does not necessarily need to focus on Rome or Italy, since we are encouraging anyone who is eager to learn and broaden their horizons to join us. We are always looking for fresh perspectives and ideas, as well as a variety of skills and expertise. KNIR courses can usually be part of your regular study programme.

Research grants

We offer grants to conduct research in Rome for your (Re)MA or PhD-thesis, your Post-Doc project, or for preparing a project proposal. If your research is related to Rome or Italy, or benefits from resources that are readily available here, there are several possibilities to spend time at the KNIR. During your stay you will be supervised by one of our staff members, and will be given ample opportunity to discuss your research with fellow bursaries. You will also have access to a varied programme of events, lectures, and extra-curricular activities organized at the KNIR and other foreign and Italian institutes.

Where are we located?

The KNIR is located in an early 20th century villa at the Villa Borghese, with its own library, classrooms, laboratories, and accommodation (in double or triple rooms for courses; single rooms for longer research stays) with cooking facilities, and a private garden.

More information

For more and up-to-date information on our course programme and grant schemes, and how and when to apply, visit www.knir.it, contact us at info@knir.it or contact the KNIR Ambassadors at ambassadeursknir@gmail.com.

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"What I have enjoyed about this course was its subject matter, its combination of theoretical and practical work (and museum visits!) and the privilege of working with the actual artefacts in the lab."

*Student participating in
'Tombs from Excavation to Digital Publication.
The Crustumerium Publication Project', April '23*

