

**Major:** Business Administration  
**Home Country:** Federated States of Micronesia  
**Previous Study Abroad:** Ireland 2011

### Why did you choose to study in Rome ?

I've always wanted to go to Rome to visit the Vatican City and see the ancient sites, such as the Coliseum. Going to the Vatican was awesome — seeing St. Peter's Church, going up into the Dome, and then attending a Papal Audience. I expected the atmosphere to be relaxed, but seeing the Pope felt more like a pep rally.

### Academics:

I was learning about Theology and, at the same time, I was able to explore the culture, visit new places, and meet new people. It's different from the classroom because you can see the actual places where the events you are learning about happened. After reading about the persecution of early Christians and visiting the Coliseum, you get a clearer understanding of what happened.

*“Be open and expect the unexpected.  
Try to appreciate where you are and  
make the most out of your experience.”*

### Rome as a second home:

I liked staying in one place because I got to settle in. Where we stayed was very centrally located, within walking distance of the Coliseum. The bus and train were also easy to use.

### The Impact of Study Abroad:

I learned how to be on my own and grew more independent. Another important aspect was making new friends and being able to get along with everyone. I shared a triple, and at night, we would always tell jokes, talk about the day, and laugh together.

### Most memorable experience:

On New Year's Eve, all of the students went strolling in the streets. The streets were so packed, we had to hold onto each other so that the pressure of the crowd didn't separate us from each other.



Roxalyn at the Vatican City.