MOUNT MARY COLLEGE - ROCHESTER
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY - COMO
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE, PERUGIA AND ROMI
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - ROMI
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE AND ROMI
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE
PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY - ROMI AND MILAN
PHILLIPS ACADEMY - SCHOOL YEAR ABROAD - VITERBO
PITZER COLLEGE - PARMA
PRATT INSTITUTE - ROMI AND VENICE
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE - ROMI
RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE - ROMI
RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN - ROMI
RICHMOND, THE AMERICAN INTL UNIVERSITY IN LONDON - FLORENCE, ROMI
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE
Siena College - Siena
SMITH COLLEGE - FLORENCE
SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE
SPRING HILL COLLEGE - BOLOGNA
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY - ROMI
STANFORD UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT OWEGO (SUNY OWEGO) - ALTOMONTE
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY - ROMI
TRINITY COLLEGE - ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA - CORTONA
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA - ORVETO
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FLORENCE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - BOLOGNA, FLORENCE, MILAN, PADUA AND ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO - ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT - FLORENCE
UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS - FRATTICHI
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA - VICENZA
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA - CORTONA
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA - CHAMPAIGN - ROMI
University of Iowa – PADERNO DEL GRAPP 
UNIVERSITY OF MARY - ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - CASTELLAMARE DI STABIA
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS - Siena
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI - ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - FLORENCE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK - ROME
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - ASCOLI PICENO
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN – FLORENCE, PRATO AND ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME - ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA - AREZZO
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON - Siena
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSGURGH - FLORENCE
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER - AREZZO
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO - FLORENCE, MILAN, ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA - FLORENCE
UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS - ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - Siena
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO - ROMI
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON - Sesto Fiorentino
UNIVERSITY STUDIES ABROAD CONSORTIUM - REGGIO EMILIA, TURIN, VITERBO
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE
THE VERIGLIAN SOCIETY OF AMERICA - BACOLI
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY - VENICE
WASHU UNIVERSITY - CASTEL GANDOLFO
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE
WEBSTER UNIVERSITY - FLORENCE
WHEATON COLLEGE - CORTONA, FERRARA, FLORENCE AND ROMI
YALE UNIVERSITY - ROMI
AUCUPI, which itself is a non-profit legal entity in Italy, has played an important role in identifying real and potential fundamental legal and fiscal problems, intrinsic to the presence in Italy of non-governmental institutions, and, then, resolving them equitably. The transfer of the non-profit status of colleges and universities from North America to Italy was necessary to focus on the true mission of AACUPI institutions operating in Italy, to comprehend their goals and to safeguard their integrity. In the past forty years, the passage by the Italian Parliament of two specific laws, whose intention it has been to clarify the legal and fiscal positions of AACUPI programs, and to protect and regularize the specific nature of these programs, has made reciprocal understanding possible, with subsequent recognition by the Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific and Technological Research.

Monthly, bilingual newsletters, written by AACUPI’s legal counsel, covering all legal and fiscal aspects of administering academic programs in Italy, are an intrinsic benefit of membership in AACUPI, as is full, open discussion of such matters at all four general meetings held annually. Immigration procedures, including visa applications and stay permits, are brokered collectively by AACUPI with Italian authorities to ensure their comprehensibility and broad acceptance. AACUPI offers legal and fiscal up-to-date sessions. Dues are paid annually in euros in June and vary according to the size, type and duration of the academic program in Italy.

AACUPI’s Goals

- Enhance and facilitate the international educational interests of North American university programs in Italy by operative effort;
- Extend, protect and enrich respective instructional programs and academic research activities by mutual assistance through roundtables, conventions, conferences, lectures, seminars and debates that are of a cultural nature, or of other specific interest to its members;
- Expand the scope of cooperative relationships between North American programs and their appropriate Italian counterpart institutions through educational and cultural exchange;
- Safeguard the instructional goals and the moral, social, fiscal and legal interests of the universities and institutions of higher education at the university level from the United States and Canada that carry out localized cultural activities of education and research in Italy by coordinating needs, identifying, defining and resolving, collectively and equitably, legal and fiscal problems intrinsic to the presence on Italian soil of non-governmental institutions;
- Promote and encourage the interchange of knowledge and activities in the context of culture and education between the US and Canada, on one hand, and the Republic of Italy, on the other, by developing contacts between members and corresponding Italian cultural and educational entities;
- Represent the common interests of members before public and private bodies and agencies, both in Italy and in the US and Canada, nationally as well as locally.

IRPET Studies on AACUPI

In 1992, IRPET, the Istituto Regionale per la Programmazione Economica della Toscana, a Tuscan research institute, surveyed twenty-three programs in Tuscany, and again, in 2000, it surveyed seventy-six programs nationally. As a result, it published a comprehensive and wide-reaching research project on the economic, organizational and cultural impact of North American academic tourism, i.e. North American college and university programs within Italy, showing, among other data, that 12% of the entire national flow of tourists to places of historical interest consists of students in AACUPI programs, who spend an average of five and half months in the academic program of their choice. In 2008, one hundred thirty-four programs provided direct revenue to the Italian economy of 396,832,000 euros, combined with indirect expenditures for a total of 632,126,000 euros. Statistics show a notable degree of loyalty to the idea of multiple return visits to Italy as tourists after study abroad there, a dedication demonstrated by the presence of the second and third generation of family members in some AACUPI programs, those founded more than thirty-five years ago. The 2013 IRPET report is available at www.aucupi.org.

AACUPI has witnessed the creation of a context within which it is possible to develop relationships containing real cultural exchange between academic tourists and Italian residents. AACUPI activities, which clearly appear to be growing by leaps and bounds, herald numerous and sundry benefits for the Italian tourist industry as Italy continues to attract an ever-growing presence of study abroad programs on the university level; quantitatively, in the tourist flow towards Italian artistic localities and, qualitatively, since AACUPI programs produce a specialized population that tends to create a true relationship with the surrounding Italian reality to appreciate the different content of the Italian cultural offering. This growth is destined to continue in the future, not only affecting Rome and Florence, but carrying over into all of the Italian provinces.

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- The American Academy - Rome
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- Aquinas College - Bagnacavallo
- Arcadia University - Lecce, Perugia and Rome
- Arizona State University - Florence
- Associated Colleges of the Midwest - Florence
- Assumption College - Rome
- Auburn University - Arezzo
- Australian Catholic University - Rome
- Beloit College - Florence