On July 17, 2020, Temple University Rome distributed notifications to all accepted Rome Entry Year students scheduled for Temple University Rome for the fall 2020 semester. Please see below for a summary of that announcement, which includes options as students think about launching their college career.

Dear Students,

After a thorough review of the current situation and much deliberation, Temple University has made the difficult decision to cancel in-person classes at Temple Rome for students coming from the US.

To view the message to students from Dean Zankina, click here.

We have worked hard to assure that our first-year students had the opportunity to start their academic studies here with us in Rome. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has presented us with too many challenges and factors beyond our control. International SOS, Temple University’s travel advisory and emergency services provider, continues to advise against non-essential travel to Italy from the U.S. In addition, travel restrictions by the CDC and the U.S. Department of State remain in place. As these restrictions could limit our ability to support students coming from the U.S., we have made a very difficult decision, but one that it is in the best interest of our students.

We know this news is disappointing to you and we share your sadness and frustration... However, we hope to provide you with the transformative experience which is the hallmark of the Temple Rome Entry Year program and we are working on options to meet your needs. Specifically, we have four options we would like to present to you for consideration as you and your family think about launching your college career:

1. **TEMPLE ROME VIRTUAL FALL**

   The Temple Rome Entry Year Virtual FALL offers freshman courses online with our Temple Rome professors at Temple Rome tuition rates. A key benefit is the opportunity to engage in activities that will familiarize you with Italian culture and with life in Rome. While all of the classes will be online, some may be synchronous with in person classes here in Rome that will be offered for our international First year students who are able to travel to Rome. Selected courses will assure your academic progress in your chosen field of study.
2. TEMPLE ONLINE COURSEWORK

Temple University offers a wide array of online courses, including courses appropriate for first year students or students entering Temple for the first time. These courses are at Temple Main campus tuition rates which can be seen here https://bursar.temple.edu/tuition-and-fees/tuition-rates. This option provides a broader selection of courses and we will work with you to assure your selection fits your academic plan.

3. START AT TEMPLE PHILADELPHIA

In planning the return on campus, Temple University prioritized in-person classes for first-year students. Hence, you may consider starting TU Main Campus in Philadelphia. In order to protect everyone’s health and safety and allow for proper physical distancing in classrooms and campus buildings, a mix of different types of course formats will be offered in the fall. These include in-person classes, hybrid classes, which blend in-person and online learning, and fully online classes.

- In-person classes: These are the typical, traditional classroom or seminar-style classes, but they will take place in rooms adjusted to allow for each student and the instructor to maintain six feet of distance from each other. You’ll notice that seats have been removed or blocked off when you come into classrooms in the fall, and also that some areas and buildings typically not used as classroom space have been converted into physical distancing-prepared classrooms.
- Hybrid classes: These classes will blend in-person and online learning in an effort to reduce the number of students on campus and in classrooms at once.
- Online classes: These classes will be conducted fully online, in a synchronous (one set meeting time for all students) or asynchronous (no set meeting time, allowing students to access course materials at any time) format.

4. DEFER YOUR ENROLLMENT

If none of these options is appealing to you, you can opt to defer your enrollment to either Spring 2021 or Fall 2021, Learn how to request deferred enrollment.

Be safe and stay well.

Best regards,
Temple University Rome