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WHO WE ARE

Soccer Management Institute is one of the most prestigious sports educational institutes in the world. Our mission is to educate the next generation of sports leaders through a variety of programs that are open to anyone interested in a future in the sports industry.

Other than getting a higher education, we offer the possibility to our student-athletes to play soccer at a high level in Italy. The objective of our own professional academy is to develop our players tactically, technically, and physically and to prepare them for a higher level of soccer.





A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

Soccer Management Institute does not only offer you the possibility to study and play abroad. Being in Italy gives you the opportunity to visit a fantastic country. Our student-athletes directly experience the fascinating Italian culture which is full of history, traditions, sport, art, cuisine, and much more. The entire peninsula is well connected by an efficient public transportation with which you can easily get to beautiful cities like Florence, Naples, Milan, Turin, Venice, and many more. It is very common for our students to spend the weekend away according to their schedule. SMI gives you the possibility to live an authentic and professional experience while surrounded by a spectacular scenery.



PLAY ABROAD

We want our student-athletes to succeed not only in class but on the field as well! The opportunity to play soccer at a high level is real and it is what makes our program unique. In fact, our student-athletes are given the chance to showcase their talent all year long. Some of them sign with teams after a few weeks, others after a few months or at the end of the year. Several student-athletes started a professional career during the SMI program and had the opportunity to stay in Italy after completion of their studies. With SMI you can start a soccer career abroad and keep the dream alive!

ROME CITY FC

OUR PROFESSIONAL SOCCER ACADEMY

If soccer is your passion, you can't miss the opportunity to train and play soccer at a high level in our professional academy located in Rome, a few steps away from the campus. Rome City FC provides a professional soccer environment where you can keep growing as a player and as an individual thanks to our professional coaching staff. Rome City FC gives you the opportunity to showcase your talent while in Italy and learn new aspects of the game. The Italian soccer is known for its tactical and technical excellence, two fundamental areas to become a better player. With our program you have an entire season to improve as a player and express your talent to make it to the highest level. Our final objective is to help you sign with an Italian club! Get the most out of this experience by learning from some of the best coaches of the Italian soccer school.



OUR PROGRAMS

MASTER

- Learn from the best professionals in the industry
- Access to Coverciano coaching school and professional network

UNDER GRADUATE

- Study at "Link Campus University, the International University in Rome"
- Open to freshmen and transfer students; credits are transferrable from and to the US

STUDY ABROAD

- Between 12 to 15 transferrable credits per semester at Link Campus University
- Choose from a variety of majors

GAP YEAR

- Coaching certificate and Italian classes
- Full soccer immersion



ROME CITY F.C. SOCCER ACADEMY

- Daily training sessions with pro coaches
- Training programs designed by Serie A coach
- Professional exposure / Tryouts
- Legal assistance for professional and semi-professional placement

HOUSING

- Apartments located in the heart of Rome
- 24/7 assistance
- Walking distance from Institute and training facility

ADMISSION

The process to be admitted to Soccer Management Institute includes several steps that you will easily complete thanks to the assistance provided by our Admission Office 24/7. This is how it works:

- 1 • Apply online at internationalda.com/italy
- 2 • Schedule an interview with our admission department
- 3 • Apply for scholarships
- 4 • Send the required material to complete your application
- 5 • Receive an official offer including scholarships
- 6 • Commit and start the admission process
- 7 • Pay the initial deposit
- 8 • Time to fly to Italy!

For assistance with any questions regarding your application, please contact our Admission office at gbottoni@soccermanagementinstitute.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

We know cost is an important factor when it comes to education and sports. At SMI, you are automatically considered for our merit-based scholarships when you apply for admission. Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- **Academic performance:** GPA, test scores, and general academic proficiency
- **Soccer performance:** Team/individual achievements through high school/college or clubs
- **Professional background:** we value past experiences within the sports industry



MASTER'S DEGREE: SPORTS MANAGEMENT & SOCCER COACHING

Our master's program is designed for those who are looking to start a career in the sports industry. The goal is to provide our students with a comprehensive understanding of all aspects that directly and indirectly govern the game. Participants acquire the necessary knowledge to become fully qualified professionals, regardless of the specific area of expertise chosen.

Our student-athletes have the possibility to learn from a top class faculty staff who share the passion of educating the next generation of soccer leaders. Our professors are some of the most prominent and distinguished soccer executives in the world.

OUR COURSES

FALL

- Sports Law and Finance (6 CFU)
- Italian Sports Methodology – Strategy (6 CFU)
- Sports Science and Nutrition (6 CFU)
- Italian I (3 CFU)
- Entrepreneurship in Sports (3 CFU)
- Soccer Lab (3 CFU)

SPRING

- Sports Marketing and Sponsorships (6 CFU)
- Italian Sports Methodology – Match Analysis (6 CFU)
- Event Management and Hospitality (6 CFU)
- Sport Psychology – Leadership and Performance (3 CFU)
- Italian II (3 CFU)
- Soccer Lab (3 CFU)

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- Capstone - Final project (5 CFU)



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

With SMI you can become a college student-athlete in Rome, Italy! In partnership with “Link Campus University”, the International University in Rome, SMI offers several undergraduate programs. Accredited by the Italian Ministry of Education, Link Campus University provides innovative education in a traditional environment surrounded by nature and history. The campus hosts students from all over the world looking for top-quality education recognized internationally.

While getting a bachelor’s degree, our students who have a passion for soccer are enrolled in our professional soccer academy. Rome City FC provides an environment where athletes can improve as a player and showcase their talent to Italian clubs. Our top talented players end up signing with clubs competing at a higher level.

Our undergraduate program offers the unique opportunity to further your education and soccer career in one of the best cities in the world!

STUDY ABROAD

Through a solid partnership with Link Campus University, Soccer Management Institute offers the unique opportunity to study abroad for one or more semesters while playing in our soccer academy. The University offers a variety of courses which credits can be easily transferrable to the United States. At the same time, our student-athletes are part of our professional soccer academy led by some of the best coaches in the sector. We are the only institution that offers this kind of opportunity in Italy, one of the most fascinating countries in the world. Study in Rome and explore Italy and Europe.





WHY OUR PROGRAM?



**Multiple programs
for every
student-athletes**



**Professional Soccer
Academy**



**Accredited by the
Italian Ministry of
Education**



Living in Rome



**Scholarship
Opportunities**



**College and Club
Placement**

GAP YEAR

Get ready for college and see what Italy has to offer! Take a year off to improve as a player and focus completely on soccer. The Italian soccer school is known to be one of the most prestigious in the world in terms of tactical and technical skills. Use your gap year to learn from some of the top coaches our country has to offer and take your game to another level. Our athletes compete with Italian clubs and have the opportunity to showcase their talent to local coaches and scouts!

After the Gap Year you will be presented the following opportunities:

- College placement in Italy through athletic scholarships
- College placement in the US through athletic scholarships
- Club placement in Italy (depending on club requests)



LINK CAMPUS UNIVERSITY

THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN ROME

Our University is situated in a magnificent historical complex, the Manor of San Pio V, immersed in a wonderful park located in the centre of Rome, right next door to the Vatican City. You will have the opportunity to enjoy studying in a university with a highly innovative imprint and at the same time in an atmosphere of rare beauty, steeped in history and ancient conquests. This will enhance the development of competences in order to deal with employment in an ever rapidly changing world. Built on the order of Pope Pius V in the XVI century the Manor was a summer residence of the Pope up until 1655 when the Chigi's family took the ownership. From 2016, the Manor of San Pio V has become the home of Link Campus University.



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