UWRC COMPUTER INFORMATION

Computing Facilities for Faculty and Students

The UWRC Student Computer Lab is housed in the same room as the Library, on the fourth floor of the Rome Center. It has 7 PCs (6 basic, 1 "enhanced" with large monitor) and 4 Macs (3 basic, 1 "enhanced"). The Macs are equipped with CD/DVD drives while the PCs have floppy, zip, and CD/DVD drives. All machines are connected to a high-speed network and a file server. There are also 2 printers (1 color laser jet, 1 black/grayscale laser jet) as well as 4 scanners (large flatbed scanner, 2 A-4 size scanners, 1 slide scanner). There is a fee for printing.

The student computer lab is open the same hours as the Library (generally Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm and some evening and weekend hours).

All three floors of the Rome Center also have wireless routers, allowing faculty and students with laptops to connect to the internet when they are in range. There is not complete wireless coverage throughout the Rome Center. Students may bring their own laptops and work in the library. For students without wireless network cards in their computers, the UWRC has several available for check-out (€50 deposit required). Wireless access is also available to faculty in the 3rd floor Faculty Room (equipped with 2 PCs, 1 iMac, and 1 laser printer for faculty use only).

In addition to the equipment that remains in the library, the following portable devices are available for check-out by students for specific program work (for student check-out, faculty approval is required): 1 Dell laptop, 1 Toshiba tablet PC, 2 Apple PowerBook G4 laptops, 1 Canon MiniDV video camera, 1 Canon digital SLR, 1 portable video projector.

Plugging in Your Computer

• Power Transformers (or Power Adapters or Converters): These will change the electrical current from 110V (U.S.) to 220V (Italian). These may be ordered from appliance stores or from Radio Shack for approximately $50 but are not easy to find in Italy.
• Plug Adapters: These just allow you to insert an American flat-prong plug into the Italian round-prong outlet. You should be able to find them in travel and luggage stores in the U.S. for approximately $3.
• If you need to plug in a computer, figure out what you will need before you leave. Most laptop computers don't require transformers, since the computer power supply can detect and adjust to the current (typically noted as "Input: AC 100-240 V"). Please check yours carefully before coming to Rome.

Computer Repair

The UWRC office can provide names and addresses of computer repair shops in Rome. New system software—if required—may be available in Italian only. We suggest bringing backup copies of your system software with you, as well as a copy of your original warranty.

Internet/Email Access for Students

Since the Computer Lab is intended primarily for academic use, students should not count on unlimited access for personal email or web browsing. Information about nearby Internet points is available in the UWRC office.

Digital Camera Use

If you plan to bring a digital camera, be sure to bring all accessories you think you may need (e.g. charger, batteries, USB cable, card reader, user manual). The Rome Center computer lab does not have extra cables to loan.

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