In the fall of 2021, the Department of Architecture of the University of Washington will return to the Eternal City for the 51st Architecture in Rome program. The theme will be to explore the historical and contemporary impact of moments of crisis, with a particular focus on systems of infrastructure and accommodation that provide for the health and safety of Rome’s citizens.

In exploring this theme, the fall 2021 Architecture in Rome Program will examine the impact and the potential of the recent health crisis on two distinct sites within the walls of the city. The program will begin with an urban analysis of the historical and contemporary infrastructures that have supported health and human life – including transportation systems, water, sewers and other public services. Each group involved in studying those aspects of these sites will then make proposals that involve needs public spaces as well as supporting activities that both promote and support human health and safety.

The program will be comprised of three three-credit courses—Representation, History/Theory and Urban Fieldwork—that will provide the backdrop to the six-credit Architecture Design Studio. The Urban Fieldwork will be the focus of the first half of the quarter, which will involve the description and analysis of our chosen areas of the city. The History/Theory and Drawing classes will bridge between this analysis and the main problem of the Design Studio. We will begin in Rome, with four organized day trips traveling to sites outside of the city, beginning with the EUR and Ostia Antica; then the town of Orvieto; the Fosse Ardeatine and Catacombs of St. Sebastian; and finally the Villa Farnese in Caprarola and the Villa Lante in Bagnaia.

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