

# STAYING CONNECTED WHILE ABROAD



## CELL PHONE POLICY- EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The Duquesne in Rome program requires all students to have an active, working phone on their person at all times (ACTIVE = able to send/receive calls and texts 24/7).

## STAYING CONNECTED

The reason Duquesne in Rome students must have a working cell phone at all times is for two reasons:

**a)** Be connected to Duquesne in Rome staff in case of emergency and **b)** being connected to family at home.

## UNLOCK YOUR U.S. PHONE

Many students choose to bring their U.S. smart phone with them, either to:

**a)** Keep their U.S. number with an international plan

**b)** Purchase an Italian SIM card (which means inserting a SIM card into the U.S. phone and having an Italian phone number with a pre-paid phone/data plan).

\*In order to do (b) you need to have an unlocked phone. If you choose to do this, you should contact your U.S. cell phone provider and make sure that any phone you bring is unlocked. In the U.S., most people purchase their phone together with their phone provider (when the phone is “included” in the plan). However, if a phone is still under a provider’s service, it will remain locked and not accept a foreign SIM card and therefore will not function on an Italian plan.)

## PHONE PROVIDERS IN ITALY

During Orientation in Rome, staff will provide information on the locations of four major phone providers in our local neighborhood. The providers are: Vodafone, TIM, Wind & Tre. Students can go to one of the providers and choose a pre-paid plan that works for them. There are many different plans that suit different student phone/data habits.

**Note:** These plans are pre-paid plans, where students will pay their monthly usage at the beginning of each month, rather than the norm in the U.S. of being on contract and receiving a bill.



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## WHAT IS INTERNET (WIFI) LIKE ON CAMPUS?

The Duquesne in Rome campus is equipped with fast broadband fiber optic internet. Wifi is accessible throughout the campus building, including the University floor and the Living Learning floors. The internet is provided to students to help them with their academic work (even connecting with the Gumberg Library), staying in touch with family and friends around the world and to support students in their travel planning. We are a community at times of 70 people, which can slow down video-calling capabilities during prime times on campus.