

## **University and Master's degree courses**

The Foundation's commitment to Education includes undergraduate and post graduate university courses by supporting, as established by the Chairman, Professor Emanuele, the most important universities in Rome that provide integral education according to the traditional Catholic principles, such as the Pontificia Università Lateranense, Pontifical Gregorian University, Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta, Università Europea and St. John's University.

Subsidised by the Fondazione Roma, in January 2008 the Pontificia Università Lateranense opened the new course on the 'Ethics of Taxation', included in the syllabus for a Master's degree in Law. This chair holds a topical and advanced course in Public Finance and Tax Law, which is unique in Italy. Seminars have been organised and attended by students, lectures from other universities and professionals in this field.

The Foundation also fosters the Master's degree courses for 'Experts in Politics and International Relations' held in the Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta (LUMSA). The purpose of this course is to engage youths in national, international and diplomatic politics and to train professionals who are capable of meeting the needs of modern society by implementing rational strategies.

The syllabus includes theoretical classes, seminars and workshops, followed by on the job training in private and public institutions such as Parliament, Central Government offices, Ministries, political parties' headquarters, trade unions and international organizations. Subjects include notions and investigation of history, economy, public institutions, political analysis, media development and even oratory techniques. The members of the academic staff are national and international university professors, experts and researchers of politics. Visiting lecturers include personalities from the institutional political environment and representatives of financial and intermediate organizations in civil society. As from the academic year 2009/2010, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has recognised this course as suitable training for the entrance examination for a career in the Diplomatic Corps. Part of the Foundation's contribution has been allocated to student scholarships.

In 2010, an agreement was entered into with the Rome Campus of St. John's University whereby the Foundation shall issue scholarships to students attending the Master's degree course in Business Administration held in this University.

By means of grants issued directly by the Fondazione Roma Mediterraneo, the Foundation also contributes to the two-year Master's degree course on the Theology of Religions specialising in Mediterranean Religions and Cultures organised by the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies of Religions and Cultures in the Pontifical Gregorian University.

The purpose of this course is to train students for future professional appointments as cultural mediators, journalists, public managers and diplomats, with a deep knowledge of the Mediterranean region, its values and spiritual identity.

The Foundation's most recent post-graduate project fosters, in association with the IULM (Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione), the Master's degree course in Management of Artistic and Cultural resources that opened in February 2011 in the Roman branch of this University. This project was established for the purpose of training qualified managers and professionals in the field of artistic and cultural resources by providing a broad education even in classical and social subjects and encouraging the development of specific managerial skills.



Rome, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010, conference room in the LUMSA University. Graduates receive their Master's degree in 'Politics and International Relations' in the presence of the President of the Senate, Rt Hon. Renato Schifani and the Chairman of the Fondazione Roma.