

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR A STUDY VISA AT THE
EMBASSY OF ITALY IN
WASHINGTON, DC

**Before approaching the counter make sure you have the following documents in the following order
(a COMPLETE set of documents is required for EACH individual applicant)**

1. **application form** properly and clearly filled out;
2. passport size **photo** with white background (1.2"x1.5" or 3x4 cm) (NOTE: scanned or photocopied photos will NOT be accepted).
3. **valid passport** plus 1 photocopy of the page with photograph and expiration date. The passport or travel document must be valid at least three months after the visa expiration date. Please make sure the passport is no older than 10 years and has at least two blank pages to affix the visa.
4. **NON-USA citizens:** original plus 1 photocopy of **Permanent Residence Card** OR other US immigration document allowing re-entry into the United States (e.g., valid long-term US visa, Advanced Parole, etc.). The US Residence permit or visa should be valid at least three months beyond the intended departure from the Schengen territory. **International students** must submit original and copy of F-1 Visa and valid re-entry ("travel") signature on I-20. Please provide copy of old passport if US Visa is affixed there;
5. **original and copy of Driver's License or State ID** as proof of residence within the jurisdiction of this Embassy of Italy. **Full-time** students may also use original and copy of Student ID. If you recently moved and have not updated your ID, you must submit another proof of current address (e.g., utility bills, bank statements, etc.);
6. **confirmed round-trip flight reservation/booking;**
7. **Health Insurance Provider or Study Abroad Program certification** – on official letterhead – clearly stating the student's name and dates of coverage, and that the student has minimum coverage of **30,000Euro** for **hospitalization, emergencies, evacuation** and **repatriation for the ENTIRE duration of their stay within the Schengen territory.** If the insurance provided by your educational institution does not cover the ENTIRETY of your stay (as shown on your flight booking), you **MUST** purchase additional insurance with the same terms stated above.
8. **original and copy of the official letter of acceptance from an accredited academic institution in Italy.** The letter, on the institution's letterhead, must be addressed to the Embassy of Italy and specify the period of study, the full-time enrolment (at least 20 hours per week), and if tuition and room/board are covered in full.
9. **For Italian language courses:** The courses must be of a higher level (MINIMUM B2 LEVEL), full-time and of a pre-determined duration. These requirements are considered satisfied by the courses organized by the University for Foreigners of Perugia, University for Foreigners of Siena, University of Roma Tre and Società Dante Alighieri in order to obtain the "Italian Language Quality Certification - CLIQ", on the basis of the Convention signed in 2012 between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the CLIQ Association, which unite the four certification bodies.
 - a) You must already have at least a B1 of proficiency in the Italian language in order to apply for a visa;
 - b) The level of the language course you intend to attend in Italy must be necessarily a higher level
 - c) course (minimum: B2 level);
 - d) The courses attended in Italy must be in line with the education acquired in the country of origin;
 - e) An interview to assess the knowledge of the Italian language may be required.
 - f) You must provide an Italian language proficiency certificate B1 and/or be interviewed to assess your knowledge
10. **proof of suitable accommodation** for the entire duration of your stay in Italy, consisting of **confirmation of lodging** provided by the Italian University or other host.
11. **Proof of financial means** (approx. \$1000/month). Applicants must submit the last three bank statements from a US banking institution. Students who receive financial aid must present an official letter from their University stating amount of aid and time of disbursement. **Dependents** must submit relevant documentation of the parent sponsoring the trip with an **Affidavit of Support**— which must be **notarized** and presented together with a copy of the

dependent's birth certificate, copy of the sponsor's passport (or other valid ID) and copy of the sponsor's most recent bank statement.

12. Visa fee (non-refundable). **Money Orders** or **Cashier's checks**, payable to the **Embassy of Italy** in Washington D.C., with applicant's name. Personal checks and credit cards **will not be accepted**.

Visit this website to download the forms and for the updated fee: <https://ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/en/servizi-consolari-e-visti/servizi-per-il-cittadino-straniero/visti/tariffe-visti-e-domande-frequenti/>