

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 – you can find the form here:
<https://ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/en/servizi-consolari-e-visti/servizi-per-il-cittadino-straniero/visti/modulistica/> ;
2. passport size **photo** with white background (1.2"x1.5" or 3x4 cm) (NOTE: printed, 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**; (If your study program lasts at least 1 year, you only need to provide a one-way ticket reservation).
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 Study Abroad students:** original and copy of letter of enrolment from USA academic institution addressed to the Embassy of Italy, indicating the student's current status (full-time in good standing) and expected date of graduation. This letter must be accompanied by the letter of acceptance to the Study Abroad Program (original and copy), when this is sponsored by a different US College or University; this letter must also show correspondence between the program you will pursue in Italy and your current studies in the USA.

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 depending on how long you will be studying in Italy). Applicants must submit the last three bank statements (only US checking and savings account will be accepted) 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 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**.

TO BE KEPT IN MIND:

- If you are ENROLLING at an Italian University, be it for a 2-, 3- or 5-year program, make sure to check with the University and see if there are any additional requirements. Should they require a Declaration of Value (DoV), you will have to request that PRIOR booking your Visa appointment. If they do NOT require a DoV, make sure to get that in writing. (DoVs must be requested from the Italian Consulate with jurisdiction over the area where the educational institution is headquartered.)
- Request to the Italian University if you need to enroll in University: <https://www.universitaly.it/>
- If you will be signing a lease to cover your accommodations, you will have to present the registered and executed lease contract.
- If you will be staying at a private home (ie., you'll be "hosted"), then you must have your host fill out the appropriate form ("proof of accommodation"), sign and date it and present it with proof of legal residence in Italy and copy of their "carta d'identita'", or passport.

USEFUL SITES:

- The Embassy of Italy in Washington - https://ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/ambasciata_washington/en/
- Visto per l'Italia - <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>
- CIMEA - <http://www.cimea.it/en/index.aspx>
- Studiare in Italia - <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>
- Study in Italy - https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/home_borse

- **For enrollment in Italian Universities for "Corsi di Laurea" or "Corsi Singoli"**: before you can apply for the study visa, you must have complied with the regulations on Universities pre-enrollment registration, posted on this website under Consular Services/Students/University enrollment;
- **For Internship**: applicants must present in original and copy an INTERNSHIP PROJECT (Progetto Formativo e di Orientamento), drawn up by the hosting Italian company or organization (Soggetto Ospitante) and formally approved by the competent Regional or Provincial Office (Soggetto Promotore) on the basis of an existing agreement (Convenzione di Tirocinio). The Progetto Formativo must conform to the guidelines found in the Ministerial Decree n. 142 of 25 March 1998 (Decreto Interministeriale n. 142 del 25 marzo

1998 per Tirocini formativi e di orientamento). Study/Internships Visas can only be issued in the presence of available yearly quotas.