



THE SCHOOL
FOR FIELD STUDIES

Italy Student Visa Instructions

Visa Requirements:

US Citizens:

1. Italian Student Visa (Type D: Long Stay):

- Your student visa will last for the length of your academic program dates.
- Cost: \$60 *Cost subject to change
- See the instructions below to complete your visa. Processing time will vary by consulate but typically takes 7-90 days to complete. There is no option to expedite this process.
- Keep in mind, during the Student Visa processing you may not be able to travel internationally!**
- If you have any issues receiving your visa, contact your local consulate and then notify admissions@fieldstudies.org.

2. Italian Residence Permit (Permesso di Soggiorno):

- Italy requires that all students receive a Residence Permit if they are staying in the country longer than 90 days.
- Within 8 days of your arrival to Italy, SFS staff will assist you in applying for your Residence Permit.
- Cost: Included in tuition.

3. European Schengen Tourist Visa Waiver:

- US Citizens do not need a visa for stays up to 90 days within Schengen Countries.
- Any days spent in the Schengen area within the 180 days prior to your departure date will be counted towards your 90 days. The dates you resided in Italy using your Residence Permit are not taken into account for this calculation.
- Cost: Free *Cost subject to change
- Contact your local consulate for any questions or guidance on non-program travel.

Non-US Citizens: Students who are not U.S. citizens are responsible for investigating and obtaining a visa that will cover them for the entire program prior to arrival. If this applies to you, please contact your country's consulate for further instructions.

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1. Locate your nearest consulate based on the address you will reside in for the next ~6 months.
<https://ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/en/chi-siamo/la-rete-consolare/>
2. Check your consulate's application requirements, fees, processing times, and when you need to appear in person.
3. Schedule your appointment with the consulate as soon as you are able. Summer months and holidays are busy times. Don't forget to schedule any hotels, flights, etc. needed.
4. Fill out the Italy Student Visa Application form
 - Download the application form for Student Visa (National Type D: Long-term) from your consulate's website.
 - **Attach a passport-sized photo** meeting your consulate's requirements.
 - **Type of passport or travel document:** Ordinary passport
 - **Passport issued by:** United States
 - **Current Occupation:** Student
 - **Main purpose of the journey:** Study
 - **City of destination in Italy:** Greve in Chianti
 - **Other European Schengen country of first entrance:** If you have a layover in another Schengen country before arriving in Italy, write it here.
 - **Number of entries required:** Multiple
 - **First and Last Name of the person(s) in Italy requesting the reunion, or of the employer:**
Jessica Shepherd, The School for Field Studies
 - **Address and email of person(s) requesting the reunion or employer:**
The School for Field Studies, Galleria delle Cantine, 2, 50022 Greve in Chianti, Italy
jshepherd@fieldstudies.org
 - **Telephone and fax of person(s) requesting the reunion or employer:**
+39 337-118-5126
No Fax
 - **Name and address of inviting company/organization:**
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 - **Name and last name, address, phone, fax, and email of contact person in company/organization:**
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 - **Cost of traveling and living during the applicant's stay is covered by:** Myself, Cash, Credit card, Sponsor (The School for Field Studies).
 - **Means of Support:** Accommodation provided

- **Personal data of the family member who is an EU, EEA, or CH citizen and Family relationship with an EU, EEA, or CH citizen:** Only fill these out if you are visiting European relatives during this trip.
- **DO NOT SIGN AND DATE.** Sign and date your application in accordance with your consulate's instructions only.
- Double check no boxes are accidentally left blank.
- Double check all dates are in day/month/year format.

5. Submit supporting documents. Items you need to submit are listed below. Additional items you may also need are listed in italics.

- Completed Italy Student Visa Application Form
- Passport - Valid for at least 3 months after your departure from Italy, with at least 2 blank pages
- Passport-sized photo(s) – That meets your consulate's requirements
- Copy of travel itinerary to and from Italy - That meets your consulate's (and SFS's) requirements
- Proof of sufficient funds – That meet your consulate's requirements
- Proof of health insurance coverage in Italy and/or Schengen Area – That meet your consulate's (and SFS's) requirements
- Proof of Accommodation and Acceptance letter(s) from Italian University – **SFS will provide these documents together as one file.**
- Payment. If digital, we recommend screenshotting your confirmed payment submission just in case.
- *Photocopy of your passport*
- *Photocopy of student ID and driver's license (or state ID)*
- *Criminal background check*
- *Proof of English proficiency*
- *Previous educational diplomas*
- *Letter from current university*
- *Birth certificates or marriage certificates*
- *Photocopies of previous visas*
- *Prepaid tracking envelope to return your visa – If needed, take a picture of the number!*
- *Consent to send completed visa by mail*

6. Receiving your Visa

- Processing time will vary by consulate but typically takes between 7-90 days to complete. There is no option to expedite this process.
- If your application takes longer than the time outlined on your consulate's website, contact the consulate immediately and then notify admissions@fieldstudies.org.
- Scan a copy of your issued student visa and upload it to your student portal.