# Italian Student Visa Information – for Scranton students studying in Italy for more than 90 days

#### Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia

Students studying/traveling in Italy for more than 90 days are required to obtain a visa. These instructions apply to visas processed by the <u>Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia</u>. It is strongly recommended that University of Scranton students complete their visa application through the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia.

Study abroad visa applications should be submitted by mail to:

The Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia

Suite 956 Public Ledger Building

**600 Chestnut Street** 

Philadelphia, PA 19106

Applications should be mailed to the Philadelphia consulate in May or early June for Fall programs, and in September or early October for Spring programs.

The Consulate advises that it can take up to 90 days to receive a visa – though on average, we typically see that these are issued in about 6 weeks.

CLICK HERE for Scranton's GIF program page where you can find a CHECKLIST to use as the coversheet for your visa application package. Send the checklist cover sheet and all of the visa application supporting documents outlined in this guide to the Consulate at the Philadelphia address. Use USPS Priority Tracked Mail to send your application to their office.

For info: The Italian Consulate General in Philadelphia has jurisdiction in the following areas and issues visas to students who study or reside in the following areas:

- Pennsylvania
- Delaware
- North Carolina
- West Virginia
- Selected New Jersey counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May,
   Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean and Salem. (Other NJ counties are under the jurisdiction of the Consulate General in New York)
- Maryland (except for the counties of Montgomery and Prince George which fall under the jurisdiction of the consular section of the Embassy in Washington, D.C.)
- Virginia (except for the counties of Arlington and Fairfax which are also under the jurisdiction of the Embassy in Washington, D.C).

Please note that if your home residence is outside Pennsylvania, you may submit your visa to the Italian Consulate that has jurisdiction over the state where you reside but the application form may vary slightly for different consulates. Therefore, the advice in this document may not be applicable to students applying in other jurisdictions.

- Italian Consulate General in New York jurisdiction: New York, Connecticut, New Jersey (counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren).
- Italian Consulate General in Boston jurisdiction: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.

#### **Before You Begin:**

- It is your responsibility to obtain the visa. Be aware of deadlines.
- Ensure you have a valid passport with at least 6 months remaining after the end of your study abroad program. If you do not have a passport or your passport will expire within six months of your program end date, then apply for a new passport immediately, using expedited service.
- Applications for passports and passport renewal can be found online at <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply.html</a>
- If you have more than one nationality and one of them is American, you have to submit the application with your American passport. Non-US citizens must submit a copy of your I-20 or Green Card with your other paperwork. If you are on an F1-visa, make sure it is valid at least 3 months after your program ends.
- Students with European Union citizenship traveling with their EU passport do not need a visa.
- Full year students: If there is any chance that you may decide to stay a second semester with our program, you should get a visa to cover both semesters in advance. If you do not, you will have to return to the US during the break and apply for a new visa for the second semester. Please contact us if you are planning on staying for two semesters.

#### **Rules for Submitting Your Italian Visa Application:**

- Make sure your passport is signed
- Respect deadlines
- Print all documents single-sided
- Do not use staples, paper clips, or tape on any portion of your application
- All forms with handwritten sections must be legible and written in **black** ink
- All photos, photocopies and scans must be clear and easy to read
- Color photocopies are preferred but black & white copies are acceptable
- Make copies of all documents for your records and reference. Especially keep a copy of the ID page of your passport.

#### **Checklist of Required Visa Documents:**

The following documents are mandatory

- 1. Italian Visa application form (with three signatures and notarization on page 3)
- 2. United States Postal Service Money Order in the amount of \$56.20 made out to Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia
- One 2x2 inch official passport-sized photo with your name written on back lightly in pencil
- 4. Official SIGNED passport
- 5 & 6. Photocopy of your Scranton Royal Student ID card <u>alongside</u> the photo & signature page from your passport photocopied together on the front of one page.
- 7. Non-U.S. citizens also need a copy of your I-20 form and U.S. visa or Green Card (both sides).
- 8. Official Bank letter showing proof of funding of at least \$5,000 <u>AND</u> the Affidavit of Support if you are using a parent's account as proof of this funding (both with notary seal/signatures from the notary at the bank)
- 9. Letters of good standing: Letter from the University of Scranton, Letter of acceptance from your program in Italy, and a copy of your Scranton transcript
- Acceptance letters from the school in Italy 2 original copies written in Italian
   Language and a copy of the acceptance letter in English
- 11. Health Insurance letter
- 12. Proof of lodging in Italy
- 13. Copy of round-trip flight itinerary
- 14. Mailing disclaimer
- 15. Prepaid return envelope

Remember to keep a copy of all documents for your records!

SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR A DESCRIPTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS

1. Visa Application Form

Please fill out each page of the National Visa Application – following the guidance from

your host university or in the sample (pages 6-8 in this packet) with your appropriate

information.

There are three signatures required on this application and you must complete all for

the application to be complete – **BUT do not sign and complete the** 

place/date/signature boxes on the final page (page 3) of the National Visa

Application until you are in the presence of a Notary Public. Your signature on

the final page must be signed in front of a Notary Public and notarized by the

Notary Public including the witness date, notary seal, and signature.

Mrs. Laura Carroll, Legal Assistant in the Office of General Counsel at the University of

Scranton, is a Notary Public and can notarize your visa application form. Contact her

by email to set up an appointment. laura.carroll@scranton.edu

Lastly, the Consulate requested that all applicants write the name of their home

university, the name of their host university in Italy, and their travel date leaving USA, in

the top, right corner of page 1 of the national visa application, just above the image of

the flag of Italy. For example, if you were going on Gonzaga's program:

University of Scranton

Gonzaga in Florence

Travel date leaving USA: 6 January 2024

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University of Scranton Office of Global Education





# Consulate General of Italy Philadelphia (USA)

National Visa Application (D)

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This application form is free



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- check 'Pre-paid accommodation'
- check 'Pre-paid transport'
- check the box for 'Other' and write the name of your Host University and University of Scranton on the line below

If you are using a bank account and letter that is in your parent's name as proof of financial means, then use the right side of this box:

- check 'Sponsor (host, etc.)'
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INFORMATION ON THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA / INFORMATIVA BUL TRATTAMBRITO DEL DATI FERRONALI

The collection of data required in this form, your photograph and, if applicable, the detection of your fingerprints, are mandatory for the examination
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I am aware of the fact that the refusal of a visa does not give rise to the reimbursement of fees paid STUDENT SIGNATURE

the competent national authorities for visas. In addition, they will be accessible to the competent authorities for the purposes of Schengen visa checks at external borders, to the authorities of Member States responsible for immigration and asylum (for the purpose of verifying whether the conditions for entry, stay and regular residence in the territory Member States and the identification of persons who do not, or no longer fulfill these conditions), to the authorities of Member States responsible for the purposes of examining an asylum application. Under certain conditions the data will be also available to designated authorities of Member States and to Europol for the purposes of prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offenses and other serious crimes.

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Tali dati, cosi Come i dati riguardarti la decizione relativa a questa domanda, o un eventuale decizione di annaliamento o revoca di un visto rilazciato, saranno insertit e conservati nel sistema informatico della Rappresentanza diplomatico-consolare e del Ministero degli Affori Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale. Tali dati saranno accessibili alle autorità razionali competenti per i visti. Invitre, saranno accessibili alle autorità che dependenti in migrazione e di asulio di prin della Ventemento delle condizioni di ingresso, seggiorno e ressiona regolari nel territorio degli Stati membri competenti in migrazione del ministrazione e di asulio di prin della vistorio di sunti membri competenti al fini della Genome di una admanda di acito. A deleminante condizioni, i dati saranno anche accessibili alle autorità degli Stati membri e a Buropol ai fini della prevenzione, dell'individuazione e dell'investigazione di resti di terrorizmo e altri resti gravi.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Piazzale della Farnesina 1, 00135 Roma, www.esteri.it, dgit6@esteri.it) is the Italian authority responsible (controller) for data processing.

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You have the right to obtain notification of the data relating to you registered in the informatic system and request that inaccurate data relating to you to be corrected and that data relating to you that is processed unlawfully be deleted. For information on the exercise of your right to check your personal details and to have them corrected or deleted, including ways of appeal provided in this regard by the national legislation of the State

concerned, see <a href="https://www.esterl.it">www.esterl.it</a> and <a href="https://wistoperitalia.esterl.it">https://wistoperitalia.esterl.it</a></a>
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Further information will be provided upon request by the authority examining your application. The Italian national supervisory authority competent for the protection of personal data is the Guarantor for the Protection of Personal Data (Piazza di Montecitorio 121, 00186 Roma, www.garanteprivacy.it, tel. +3906 696771).

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Uteriori informazioni saranno fornite si sua richiesta dall'azzorità che esamina la sua domanda. L'azzorità di controllo nazionale italiana compenente in materia di tatela dei dati personali è il Garante per la Protezione dei Dati Personali (Pizza di Montecitorio 121, 001 86 Roma, vene garantegrivary, a. tal. +3006 69671).

I declare that all information supplied by me are correct and complete. I am aware that false statements will lead to my application being rejected or to the annulment of a visa already granted and will result in the request for the prosecution by the Representation under the law of the State (Article 331 Code of Criminal Procedure).

Dichiaro che tutti dati da me formiti sono completi ed esatti. Sono consuperde che le dichiarazioni false comporteranno il respirgimento comporteranno la richiesta di anvo di azioni giudizianie da parte della Rappresentanza ai senzi della legiziazione dello Stato farticolo 331 c.p.p.). sto della mia domanda o l'annullamento del visto già concesso e

The mere granting of a visa does not entitle me to any compensation if I fall to meet the conditions of Article 5, paragraph 1 of Regulation (EU) No. 562/2006 (Schengen Borders Code) and Article 4 of Legislative Decree no. 286/98, and for these reasons my entry is refused.

La mera concessione del visto non dà dirato ad alcun tipo di risarcimento qualora io non soddisfi le condizioni previste dall'articolo 5, paragrafo 1 del Regolai e dell'articolo 4 del D. Egs. 28698 e per tali motivi mi venga rifutato l'ingresso. mento (UE) n. 562/2006 (Codice Frontiere Schengen.

Place and date / Luogo e data

CITY, STATE, DATE of signature

Signature (for minors, signature of parental authority/legal guardian)

STUDENT SIGNATURE

ANNOTAZIONI (riservato all'Ufficio) / REMARES (for Office use ority)

#### 2. Visa Fee

The Italian consulate charges a fee of 50 Euros for a study visa. The current conversion is \$54.50 for a long stay student visa which allows students to study in Italy for 90 days or longer. This fee must be paid with a money order purchased through a branch of the United States Post Office. The US Post Office charges a separate fee of \$1.45 for a money order. Bring cash to the post office. You cannot pay for a money order with a credit card.

The money order needs to be made out to the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia for the exact fee amount of \$54.50. (Note that fees change quarterly based on exchange rate - this is the specified fee through Dec 2023; check the Consulate website for details.) Fill in the **Pay to** Section on the left with the consulate details below, and be sure to write your name address in the **From** section on the right side.

#### Make the money order payable to:

Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia 600 Chestnut Street, Suite 956 Philadelphia, PA 19106



#### 3. Official Passport Photo

The consulate requires a separate photo to create your visa. The photo should reflect your current appearance and should be less than a year old. You may have official 2x2 inch passport photos taken at photo department in a drugstore or AAA, or at a shop of your choosing. The fee is usually around \$15. The photo should feature only you in front of a white background. Only send one photo with your Italian visa application, but keep the extra photos and bring them with you to Italy. Please print your name clearly on the

back of the photo lightly in pencil. Then glue this photo on the first page of the national visa application form in the PHOTO box.

#### 4. Official Passport

The 'visa' you will receive in your passport is a sticker that the consulate permanently affixes to a page in your passport. The Consulate requires you to **submit your official**, **USA passport with SIGNATURE** in your application. The passport should be valid at least six months after the program end date.



# 5 & 6. Photocopy of Your Student ID next to the Photocopy of USA passport page

Your university ID card provides proof that you are a full-time student at the University of Scranton, and you reside as a student in the region served by the Philadelphia consulate. Make a photocopy of the signature/photo page of your passport together with your Scranton Royal ID both on the same blank page.



#### 7. Non-U.S. Citizens - Additional Instructions

If you are not a US citizen, include a copy of your U.S. visa and I-20 or green card (both sides).

# 8. Proof of Financial Means – Bank letter confirming you have more than \$5000 in your account – And Affidavit from Parent (if funds are in a parent's name)

The consulate requires proof that you have the financial means to reside in Italy for the semester. This is calculated at about \$40 per day. You must submit an original, signed, and notarized bank letter from a US bank or financial institution documenting the funding. For a semester abroad, you must show \$5000 available to you. See the requirements below and sample bank letter on the following page.

If you do not have proof of this amount in your own personal checking or savings account, your parent/guardian(s) may submit a notarized bank letter showing a checking or savings account in their name stating their financial commitment for expenses incurred in Italy – and ALSO must complete the **Affidavit of Support** and have the Affidavit notarized by the bank. If you have a joint bank account with a parent or guardian, your parent or guardian must complete the Affidavit of Support. Statements

from retirement accounts, 401k and stock portfolios are NOT accepted by the Italian consulates in lieu of a bank letter.

#### Accessible amounts required:

Semester in Italy: \$5,000 USD

Full-year in Italy: \$10,000 USD

#### The bank letter must include the following information:

- The document must come from a United States bank or financial institution and be printed on the **bank's original letterhead**.
- Letter(s) must be original and type written (not hand-written).
- Letter(s) must have a hand-signed signature of a representative.
- You (the student) OR your parent are named as the account holder
- The specified funds are present in your checking and/or savings account(s) at
  the time the letter is generated. The letter must note the type of account and
  show exact balances including decimal amounts. (You may combine multiple
  accounts to reach your required amount, e.g. a checking account of \$2000 and a
  savings account of \$2000)
- If a parent is providing financial support, the named parent, i.e. the account holder, must be the same as the signer of the affidavit.
- The letter must be notarized, but not by the same bank official who signed it.
- The Affidavit of Financial Support must be notarized.
- Letter(s) must be dated as close to the visa deadline as possible. (2 weeks is ideal) Copies, scans, emails, and faxes are unacceptable. Bank statements are unacceptable.

#### \*\*See next page for a sample bank letter\*\*

#### **Sample Bank Letter:**

#### **SAMPLE BANK LETTER**

[Official, (	Original	Bank	Letterhead
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[DATE]

Consulate General of Italy Suite 956 Public Ledger Building 600 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19106

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the title of the following account(s) reflects <u>name and</u> <u>address of account holder</u> as an account holder.

Account type	Account Number (optional)	Amount	Date Opened

<sup>\*</sup> May express exact amount or "in excess of XXXXX US dollars"

The above mentioned balance(s) represents the accumulation of successive deposits.

Sincerely,

Signature of Bank Official Name and Title of Bank Official Phone number Signature of Notary

< NOTARY SEAL >

## AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT (Must be presented together with a recent Bank letter/Bank statement)

I, the undersigned,	
Name and Last Name	
born in	_on
residing at	
Street Address, City and State	
I depose and say that I will take financial responsibility for my	son / daughter / wife / husband / parents :
Name and Last Name( of the applicant)	
regarding all the expenses which he/she	may incur during his/her stay in Italy.
Signature:	
Print name and last name:	
Sworn and subscribed to before me on (a	late)

#### U.S Notary Public Signature and Seal:

<sup>\*</sup>notarization must be done within this page

#### 9. Letters of Good Standing

There are two letters to include to show you are in good standing. Also, include a copy of your most recent transcript.

- The Office of Global Education at Scranton will provide you with a letter it will confirm that you are in good standing, enrolled full-time, your major, your R number, and your anticipated graduation date.
- In addition, you must also include a copy of the letter of acceptance into the Study Abroad Program in Italy issued by your Host University in Italy, as your program is administered by a different university.
- Copy of your recent transcript from the University of Scranton

#### 10. Acceptance Letters from school in Italy

Two copies of this letter written in Italian language will be provided by your study abroad program. The letters are written on the institution's letterhead and addressed to the Consulate General of Italy stating that you have been accepted and admitted to its program in Italy. The letter will specify the exact period of study and bear the official seal of that institution, the full-time enrollment (at least 20 hours per week), that tuition is paid for, and that you will be supported by funds from the United States.

#### 11. Health Insurance Coverage

The Italian Consulate General requires that all students are covered by a health insurance policy stating that you have full coverage for hospitalization, emergencies, evacuation and repatriation during the program dates. Some host universities arrange insurance and they will provide you with a letter confirming this coverage. (For example, this may be a letter from CISI Cultural Insurance Services International.)

The University of Scranton will also provide health insurance through GeoBlue but a separate GeoBlue letter does not need to be submitted with the visa application.

Important Note: Students and their families should review the policies and, if needed, make private arrangements for additional coverage if desired.

#### 12. Proof of Lodging in Italy

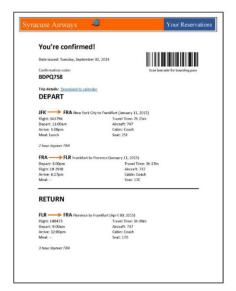
Your host university will provide you with a letter showing proof of lodging at the host university. Submit this housing letter to the Consulate.

#### 13. Confirmed Round-Trip Flight Itinerary

To obtain a visa, students must provide proof of entry and exit from Italy. You must provide confirmation that you have purchased a round-trip ticket. Make a copy of the flight confirmation from the airline, agent or travel agency. This must include all legs of your flight and confirmation that you purchased the flight. Students may arrive a few days/weeks earlier or later than the exact study abroad program dates.

You may wish to consider purchasing flight insurance or a flexible flight option. These options should be available through the airline or travel agency where you book your flights.

You are responsible for researching whether you need a visa for any independent travel before, during or after the program. International students are strongly advised to check tourist visa requirements thoroughly as there may be restrictions.





### 14. Mailing Disclaimer

This form states that the consulate is not responsible of the loss or damage of your passport in the mail.

The undersigned.
Born onin.
Residence
Holder of Passport #
Issued by
Do hereby declare that I assume all responsibility for the mailing of my passport by mail.
I understand that the Consulate General Of Italy in Philadelphia is NOT responsible for the loss or
damage of my passport in transit.
I therefore wish for my passport to be mailed to me via the pre-stamped enveloped that I have
provided.
Sincerely,
(date)

15. Prepaid Return Envelope – USPS Priority Mail

You MUST provide the consulate with a postage paid, self-addressed envelope so that

they can return your passport and visa to you. It should be USPS Priority Mail and have

a tracking number. Put your full name and address on the envelope as both Sender and

Recipient.

If you would prefer to go to Philadelphia to collect your passport and visa in person once

the Consulate has confirmed it is ready to be collected, this might be possible if you

arrange this in advance. You must contact the consulate to make arrangements for

collection in-person.

Email: visti.filadelfia@esteri.it

https://consfiladelfia.esteri.it/en/chi-siamo/

**Any Questions?** 

Contact kara.bishop@scranton.edu