

SAI Visa Application Procedure

You will need a passport in order to apply for your Student Visa. If you do not have one, please apply for one immediately and pay to expedite the passport application.

SAI may process Student Visa applications for students residing or attending school within the jurisdiction of all 10 US Consulates: Boston, Chicago, D.C., Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, and San Francisco Italian Consulates.

We highly recommend students process through SAI to avoid multiple visits to the Consulates due to incomplete and incorrect visa applications. Difficulty in obtaining an appointment is another issue parents and students find frustrating. With SAI processing, the student will not have to go to the Consulate in person.

**For those students submitting their visa application to SAI the cost is \$250.
Please submit your visa application to SAI no less than 75 days prior to departure.**

You may, however, send your application to SAI starting 90 days prior to your departure.

Please note that it is a student's responsibility to submit ALL required materials by the due date to SAI. SAI cannot guarantee the timely return of your passport and visa if these deadlines are not met.

If you do not meet the deadline of submitting your visa application materials to SAI, you may be responsible for applying on your own for your Student Visa.

If you plan to depart several weeks prior to the start of classes, or will need your visa prior to the start of your program, you will be responsible for obtaining your Student Visa. This holds you responsible for ensuring that you have your passport and processed visa in time for your departure. Please contact the visa coordinator immediately.

If you will be attending multiple sessions be sure to notify SAI's California office of your plans as soon as possible. Obtaining a visa for your entire period of study requires that you submit a program application and the required deposits and fees for all terms. Then acceptance letters may be issued for the full period of study and can then be submitted to the Italian Consulate. You must apply for the full period of study before you depart, as it is not possible to obtain a Student Visa or to extend a Student Visa while in Italy.

If you wish to apply on your own and not take advantage of the SAI Student Visa Processing Service, you will need to verify the specific requirements of the Italian Consulate in your jurisdiction. Please contact SAI to request the additional letters (Letter of Enrollment, a Letter of Acceptance from the Italian Institution, and HTH Worldwide Insurance Letter) that complete your visa application.

Italian Consulates have the full authority to evaluate and request additional documentation, if deemed necessary, in addition to what is submitted. Submitting all required documentation does NOT guarantee the issuance of a Student Visa.

Questions should be directed to the Student Visa Director at SAI: visas@saiprograms.com

SAI STUDENT VISA APPLICATION CHECKLIST-SAN FRANCISCO CONSULATE

Students residing within the San Francisco Italian Consulate's jurisdiction:

AK, ID, MT, OR, UT, WA, HI, CA (all counties except the following: Imperial Valley, Kern, LA, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, & Ventura which are under the jurisdiction of Italian Consulate General in Los Angeles)

- **Original Passport** with a validity that exceeds intended stay by at least 3 months (90 days). The passport must have a full blank page on which the visa can be affixed.
- **One recent passport photo** glued to your visa application where specified.
- **Photocopy of Passport** (photo & signature page only). Please ensure that you have signed your passport.
- **Photocopy of Drivers License, State ID or University ID** (whichever provides proof of residency in the Consulate's jurisdiction). Please ensure that it is a clear copy.
- **Visa Application** filled out using the SAI Visa Instructions, with your signature **NOTARIZED**. The Italian Consulate will render applications with whiteout, crossed out or written over answers invalid.
- **Affidavit of Financial Support** (only if someone other than the student will be financially responsible for the student). In signing the affidavit of financial support, the parent or guardian must provide proof of adequate financial means. This signature must be **NOTARIZED**.
- **ORIGINAL Recent Bank Statement, Bank Letter or Financial Aid Letter (NO PHOTOCOPIES OR ONLINE PRINTOUTS) showing financial stability.** They are looking for a minimum balance of \$4000, for example, for a fall or spring student (calculated at \$1000 per month while in Italy) Consulate will accept bank printout if it is stamped and signed in blue ink, with their business card attached. This bank information will be in the student's name or the person signing the above Affidavit of Financial Support. **Financial aid students** may instead attach the original, official letter from the institution that has granted the aid, indicating the amount allocated in their name.
- **Affidavit of Health Insurance Coverage: Chose Option B** Your signature must be **NOTARIZED**.
- **Flight Itinerary** for a round trip ticket. If you are a year student and are unable to purchase the return flight because your carrier will not book that far in advance, include a letter to the Consulate stating this and give them the "planned" day of departure (which should be a day or two after the end of your program). The SF Consulate must see the exact itinerary for your arrival into and departure out of Italy.
- **ORIGINAL Letter from the HOME University/College/School in the USA. (NO PHOTO COPIES)** Original letter should be on the university's letterhead confirming the applicant's enrollment status. The student should be fully enrolled in the current academic year or already enrolled for the following semester. Information such as anticipated graduation date and major should be expressed.
- **Students NOT currently enrolled in a U.S. University/College/School:** You must submit a No Current Enrollment Affidavit form.
- **Non US Citizens: You must bring in your student visa application in person to the SF Consulate.** You will need to show an Alien Registration Card (original and copy), or a valid US Long Term Visa, plus an endorsed I-20, or IAP66, or Advance Parole, or any other pertinent document from the Office of Homeland Security, allowing you to reenter the United States.
- **Pre-paid and self-addressed envelope - United States Postal Service (Express Mail) or FedEx ONLY - which may be tracked (Remember to retain your tracking number).** Your passport and visa will be returned to you in this envelope. Be sure you will be living at this address. **SAVE ALL RETURNED DOCUMENTS**
- **SAI visa processing fee:** \$250, made payable to SAI. Please ensure to list the applicant's name on the check, name of school in Italy they are attending, and term.

All of the above items must be sent to our office only by USPS (Express Mail) or FedEx

**Study Abroad Italy
7160 Keating Avenue
Sebastopol, CA 95472
800.655.8965
Attn: Visa Department**

It is advisable that you make a copy of your visa application materials for your personal files

Study Abroad Italy

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL VISA SAN FRANCISCO CONSULATE

1. Surname (family name) **Your Last Name**
2. Surname(s) at birth: **Maiden Name if applicable or leave blank**
3. First names (given name): **First and Middle Name**
4. Date of birth (**day-month-year**)
5. Place of birth: **City and State of birth**
6. Country of birth: **Country of birth**
7. Current nationality/ies: **U.S. and/or other nationality**
Original Nationality at birth if different: **U.S. and/or other nationality**
8. Sex: Check either **male** or **female**
9. Marital status: Check **your** marital status
10. In the cast of minors: Surname, first name, address, and nationality of legal guardian:
11. Identity number: **Leave blank**
12. Type of travel document: **Check Ordinary Passport**
13. Number of travel document: **Write your passport number**
14. Date of issue: List **day-month-year** passport was **issued**
15. Valid until: List **day-month-year** passport is **valid until**
16. Issued by: **List the place where your passport was issued, which is stated under Authority on your passport**
17. Applicant's permanent home address, e-mail address, and telephone number
18. Residence in the country other than the country of current nationality: **Answer no unless you are currently living in a country other than your home country.**
19. Current occupation: **Student**
20. Employer and employers address and telephone number. For students, name and address of school: **List US school you are currently enrolled in and the complete address**
21. Main purpose of the journey: **Circle Study**
22. City of destination: (**City**), **Italy**, (**Location of program**)
23. State of first entry: **Write the city and country your flight first lands after departing the US**

24. Number of entries requested: Circle **Multiple**

25. Duration of the stay: **List the number of days of the term. Count ONLY the number of days of the program from Housing Check In until Housing Check Out. EVEN IF YOU ARE ARRIVING A FEW DAYS BEFORE OR LEAVING A FEW DAYS AFTER THE PROGRAM.** For 2 semesters count from Housing Check In of the first term until Housing Check Out of the second term.

26. Schengen visas issued during the past three years: The Schengen area includes: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden. **List other visas obtained otherwise, answer No**

27. Fingerprints collected previously for the purpose of applying for a Schengen visa: **Circle no unless this applies to you**

28. **This does not pertain to you. Write N/A**

29. Intended date of arrival: **Actual date you will arrive.**

30. Intended date of departure: **Actual date you will depart.**

Apicius-International School of Hospitality: Via Guelfa 85, 50129 Florence, Italy
Telephone: 055 2658135 info@apicius.it - Marilyn Etchell

Domus Academy: Via G. Watt 27, 20143 Milan, Italy,
Telephone: 02 42414001 info@domusacademy.it - Micaela Cruciano Kliegl

Florence University of the Arts: via Magliabechi, 1, 50122 Florence, Italy
Telephone: 055 244664 info@fua.it - Marilyn Etchell, Annie King

Italiaidea: Via dei Due Macelli, 47, 00187 Rome, Italy,
Telephone: 06 69941314 r.cavaliere@italiaidea.com - Micaela Cruciano Kliegl

John Cabot University: Via Della Lungara 233, 00165 Rome, Italy,
Telephone: 06 6819121 admissions@johncabot.edu - Annie King

NABA School of Art and Design: Via C. Darwin 20, 20143 Milan, Italy
Telephone: 02 973721 info@naba.it - Micaela Cruciano Kliegl

Siena Italian Studies: Strada Massetana, 38, 53100 Siena, Italy,
Telephone: 340 7800901 info@sienaitalianstudies.com - Jamie Ronsheimer

Sant'Anna Institute - Sorrento Lingue: Via Marina Grande, 16, 80067 Sorrento (NA) Italy
Telephone: 081 8075599, info@sorrentolingue.it - Micaela Cruciano Kliegl

Torino Study Abroad: Via Santa Teresa 20, 10121, Torino, Italy
Telephone: 011 0201694 info@torinostudyabroad.org- Micaela Cruciano Kliegl

31. **Address of the Italian school-see above information**
Write N/A in the 2 boxes below.

32. Name and address of inviting company/organization: **Put name and address of your Italian school in one box, and then telephone number in the box next to it.**

In the box below write: your admissions counselor's name and email. Then write: "address and telephone same as above".

33. Cost of travelling and living expenses is covered by:
If someone other than yourself is submitting their financial information write their name then write "See Affidavit of Support and Bank Letter/Statement"

If you are submitting your own financial information check "the applicant himself/herself" and then write "See Bank Letter/Statement" or "See Financial Aid Letter"

Means of support:

Check all appropriate answers such as cash, credit card, prepaid accommodation, prepaid transportation.

(Disregard the box on the right)

34 - 35. Family members and family relationships with EU, EEA, or CH citizen: **Write N/A**
If you are an EU Citizen please contact our office

36. Leave blank

At the bottom of page 3, sign your name in front of a **Notary Public** (ask your locale bank if they can do this for you)

(Since there is not an actual line for the Notary, have them put their signature and stamp at the bottom of the application on page 3)

Place and date: **City and State where you are signing**

For those students who are applying on their own, appearing in person at the Consulate, you must sign your Student Visa Application in front of a Consular Officer. You will not get your application notarized before hand.

The Italian Consulate will render applications with white-out, crossed out, or written over answers invalid. If you make a mistake while filling it out, please print out a new application.

Affidavit of financial support

(Study program in Italy)

Please note:

- The affidavit must be completely and clearly filled out by the person providing financial support.
- The affidavit must be signed and notarized.

I the affiant, _____, born in _____
First name Middle name Last name City, State and Country

on _____
Date of birth

BEING DULY SWORN ON OATH, DEPOSE AND SAY:

1. That the visa applicant _____ born in _____
First name Middle Name Last name City, State and Country
_____ on _____ is
Date of birth

___ my son ___ my daughter ___ my _____

2. That the visa applicant intends to pursue his/her education by attending _____
Name of academic institution
_____ in _____, during the period _____
Location of institution in Italy From To
of the academic year _____ .

3. That I, the affiant, have full time employment as a _____ and
Profession
currently employed at _____,
with sufficient income and assets to provide for the expenses the applicant may incur while studying in Italy.

4. That I, the affiant will pay the applicant's expenses as outlined above.

Date

Affiant's signature

OFFICIAL NOTARIZATION AND SEAL