

FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL CHECKLIST:

FROM APPLICATION TO DEPARTURE



PROGRAM APPLICATION

You've completed your SAI application: submitted online application, supplemental materials, and application fee. Please ensure you have also done the following:

- Apply for or renew passport if you do not have one already.** Check passport expiration requirements: [country specific](#).



ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION

- Get accepted.** You will receive an acceptance via email.
- Submit program deposits.** Your acceptance email will prompt you to submit deposits to confirm your intention to pursue the program.
- Receive email from Business Office.** This will include detailed payment amounts and due dates.
- Receive your enrollment confirmation email.** Once the deposits have been paid, you will receive an email confirming your place in the program.
- Receive detailed program information emails.** You will receive an email with details about your program.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Submit payments.** Submit all payments according to the payment deadlines received via email.

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ACADEMICS

- Course registration:** Once you have paid your confirmation deposits, you will receive registration instructions via email. You will register for courses via the FUA student portal by creating your own personal account and then selecting your primary and required alternate courses.
- Course confirmation:** Course selections are reviewed by FUA to verify any prerequisites. If prerequisites are not met you will be asked to amend your choices before your schedule can be approved. SAI will send your official confirmed schedule with days and times via email once it is approved by FUA.
- Submit** paperwork to SAI for learning disability accommodations at host school (if applicable). Speak with your SAI admissions counselor early to learn what types of accommodations are available.



STUDENT VISA (IF REQUIRED)

- International students:** Some students might be required to obtain a student visa to enter Italy. Discuss this with your admissions counselor.
- Receive visa documents from SAI (if visa is required):** You will receive 3 important letters from SAI for your visa application.



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS & PACKING

- Book flights.** You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements. We recommend Waldorf Travel Service (info@waldorftravel.com or tel 503.233.4053). Pay careful attention to your SAI program's arrival and departure dates and times and do plenty of research to make sure you get the best deal on your flight.
- Complete the SAI pre-departure form once you have booked your flights:** [pre-departure form](#).
- Create packing list.** Use the one included in your student handbook as reference and make sure you check your airline for any baggage restrictions. Keep in mind that your apartment may be up several flights of stairs.

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PREPARING TO LIVE ABROAD

Handling Money

- Understand the exchange **rates**.
- Call your bank/credit card company:**
 - Inform them that you will be out of the country and making transactions from abroad.
 - Make sure your ATM card and pin will work abroad; you will need a 4-digit pin.
 - Learn what foreign transaction fees they charge.
 - See if they have any partnerships with international banks to minimize transaction fees.
- Purchase international currency at your local bank or at the international terminal of the airport (we recommend arriving with 200 euros).
- Put together a budget for your time abroad of estimated and fixed expenses. Refer to your student handbook for a sample budget.

Health

- Vaccines.** Be sure that you are up to date on all your shots (especially meningitis).
- Prescriptions.** Have sufficient quantities of prescriptions to last through your time abroad (See document "Transporting Medication Abroad" in your pre-departure packet flash drive).
- Medical conditions.** You will have the opportunity to communicate any medical conditions to SAI through the **pre-departure form**.



COMMUNICATION

- Research your cell phone options.** Check with your cell phone provider for international plans.
- Download useful apps.** Alumni have said that **WhatsApp, Skype** and **Venmo** are useful while abroad.

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FINAL SAI PREPARATION

- Be sure you have your GeoBlue health insurance card.** You will receive one in the mail, or you can login and print your card on the GeoBlue website.
- Review your program information emails (travel arrangements, academics, services).**
These were sent to you upon enrolling in the SAI program and can also be found in your SAI student portal.
- 14 days prior to departure: receive your housing assignment.** Print and bring in your carry-on.
- 10 days prior to departure: receive airport pick-up and orientation information.** Print and bring in your carry-on.
- Pack the following in your carry-on:**
 - Passport
 - Plane ticket
 - 4 copies of your passport photo page
 - Copies of credit/debit cards
 - Class schedule
 - Housing assignment
 - GeoBlue health insurance ID card
 - Prescription medications in their original containers, and letter from doctor (if applicable). See your SAI handbook under Health for details.
 - 200 euros (in cash)
 - Toothbrush, toothpaste (under 3oz), snacks, and a change of clothes.
This will make you more comfortable and give you a quick refresh before landing!

Pack your bags and set off on the experience of a lifetime!

QUESTIONS?

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