

# MADE Student Visa Information

## What is a Visa?

A visa is an official stamp or seal that the Italian consulate adds to the inside of your passport. A student visa certifies that you are allowed to spend more than 90 days studying in the Schengen zone. Your visa will be valid for a specific time period, typically in accordance with the start and end dates of your academic program.

In order to receive a student visa, you must submit a number of different documents and materials to the Italian consulate in your jurisdiction. The labor intensive process to compile your visa application materials and for your visa to be processed, approved, and returned to you can be time consuming. Make sure to research the process early and start as soon as possible. While MADE can help advise you about the student visa process, obtaining a visa is the responsibility of the student. .

## Visa Process Steps

1. Complete all application requirements for MADE study abroad program AND all home university application requirements. This is imperative because you will need materials from MADE and your home institution for your visa application.
2. Identify which consulate is in your jurisdiction, typically using your permanent home address. Find your consulate here.
3. Make an appointment online within the time window mandated by your jurisdiction's consulate. (For example, applications at the Boston Italian Consulate cannot be submitted more than 90 days prior to the program start date.)
4. Gather the required visa materials and make extra copies of everything. It is far better to be over prepared than under prepared
5. Attend your visa appointment and submit all application materials, including original passport
6. Once you receive your visa, make copies and keep your passport in a secure place
7. When you arrive on-site in Sicily, you will need to secure an Italian Permit of Stay "permesso di soggiorno." The fee for the Permesso di Soggiorno is

approximately 130 Euro. MADE on-site staff can support you through this process.

## **Most Common Mandatory Materials**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Visa requirements vary between consulates. You must follow the exact requirements of the consulate in your jurisdiction. Please refer to the website for the consulate in your jurisdiction for the most accurate and updated instructions.

1. Completed long term visa application form
2. Passport style photo (1"3/8 x 1"3/4, full front view, white background)
3. Passport (original)
4. Passport (photocopy of main page)
5. Photocopy of student's ID and driver's license (or state ID)
6. Original AND photocopy: Letter from MADE specifying: enrollment, program dates, duration, weekly hours of attendance, address of the student's accommodations \*(provided once you have completed your application and confirmation fee)
7. Original AND photocopy: Home university letter specifying enrollment in home institution (noting full-time status, good standing, and expected date of graduation) as well as MADE study abroad program, including MADE address, program dates, and program duration
8. Original AND photocopy: Personal bank letter or bank statement on its official letterhead, indicating the total amount of funds in their personal account (no joint bank accounts). Please note that the minimum amount of funds required to study in Italy is about 50 dollars per day (to cover basic expenses in Italy and repatriation costs).
9. Original AND photocopy: Personal credit card statement with indication of credit limit.
10. Students who have been granted a scholarship/financial aid are required to provide a letter from the University stating the amount and the date of disbursement.
11. Original AND photocopy: Schengen medical insurance covering medical evacuation and repatriation for the first 15 days of their stay in Italy.
12. Round trip flight from the U.S to the Italy and departure from Schengen area
13. Affidavit of Support. In case of applicant's insufficient funds, one or both parents must submit an affidavit of support along with their personal bank statement. The Affidavit must notarized by a Notary Public.
14. If you would like the passport/visa returned by mail you will need to provide a USPS prepaid and pre addressed priority envelope with tracking. A written waiver filled out and signed must also be provided. Please provide a copy of the envelope showing the tracking number.

15. Personal Money Order for consular fee (\$54.50 Italian Consular fee (subject to change))

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NOTE: Submit materials in the order listed on the consulate website

NOTE: Do not staple materials together - use a paperclip or binder clip

NOTE: Bring extra copies of all visa materials just in case

NOTE: Do not make any international travel plans surrounding your visa appointment as the consulate will require your original passport for processing

**Review a sample completed visa application form here:**

[SAMPLE VISA APPLICATION](#)