



Italy Student Visa *(as of June 2016; information is subject to change)*

What is a visa? A visa is an endorsement stamped on your passport by foreign customs officials that allows you to visit that country. You get a visa from the country's embassy or consulate, and this usually cannot be applied for more than 90 days prior to departure. "Visit," as used above, means the reason for entry. Remember, entering another country is a privilege, not a right. As a result, no one – not even Berry College – can guarantee that you will be issued a visa.

Students participating in a program that is not a member of the Association of American College and University Programs in Italy (see <http://www.aacupi.org/members/frames/members-frameset.htm> for a membership list) must first report in person to the honorary Italian consulate in their state or bring their visa application documents directly to the Italian consulate in their jurisdiction. Berry College students may use the services of the Italian consulate in Miami, as well as the honorary consulate in Atlanta. However, click [here](#) for the list of Italian consulates and honorary consulates, and their jurisdictions, in the US if you need to use the consular services of another state or jurisdiction.

To find available appointment dates at the honorary consulate in Atlanta, students should email consulgeneralatl@gmail.com. This will trigger an automatic responses with appointment days and times listed. Students should schedule an appointment with Mr. Kurz, the Honorary Consul General, and bring their visa application and documents, along with proof of legal status in the jurisdiction, to

133 Luckie Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Following the appointment, all visa application documents should be sent to the Italian consulate in Miami by a method that can be tracked. The Miami consulate's address is:

Consolato Generale d'Italia
4000 Ponce de Leon, Suite 590
Coral Gables, FL 33146

Students on an AACUPI member program can have their documents sent to the Miami consulate from International Programs.

As of this date, all applications for student visas require the following documents; however, **students are responsible for accessing the most current information on their consulate's website**, http://www.consmiami.esteri.it/Consolato_Miami/Menu/I_Servizi/Per_chi_si_reca_in_italia/.

These documents usually include:

- letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment* to either a U.S. based academic program with a branch in Italy or to an Italian institution (THE EXACT PERIOD OF STUDIES MUST BE CLEARLY INDICATED) and proof that all tuition fees are paid;
- declaration of the availability in Italy of appropriate lodgings (this can be included in the letter of acceptance above)

- passport or official travel document valid for at least 3 months beyond the validity date of the visa requested; the passport must be less than 10 years old and have a blank page available for the visa to be affixed
- completed visa application form, available on the Consulate's website
- fee of USD equivalent of €50, in cash
- two recent passport-size photograph (2x2 inches in size, full face, front view, color); put your name on the back and (for Miami) affix to *left side* of visa form
- only for permanent residents: your Green Card and your Certificate of Domicile and/or Driver's License and/or State I.D. (notarized photocopies); students must have a valid I-20
- Airplane reservations
- Letter* from the institution granting financial support or scholarship on your behalf, indicating the amount allocated or, in case of no scholarship, you must present either:
 - your most current bank statement*
 - or
 - your family's bank statement* and an affidavit of support* , signed by the supporting parents in front of a notary public

The consulate wants to see you have at least \$1000 per month at your disposal for every month you are abroad.
- statement* from your insurance company indicating that you will be covered by medical insurance for the entire period of studies in Italy. Should your insurance company be unable to provide such a statement, it will remain your responsibility, upon arriving in Italy, to purchase insurance coverage through INA-Assitalia insurance company and you will have to complete the "**dichiarazione d'impegno**;"
- a copy of all of the above, including photo page and other relevant pages of passport
- a self-addressed and stamped return USPS Express Mail envelope showing yourself as both shipper and recipient. **The consulate does not accept** FedEx, UPS, DHL or any private carriers for the return envelope. **Keep copy of the return envelope or Tracking #** since these office does not maintain records on return envelope. The Consulate declines any responsibility for damages or losses of documents and/or money returned by mail.

* Original documents; the Consular Office may request any additional documents at its discretion.

Permesso soggiorno - Permit of Stay

The permit of stay is a mandatory document for all students who wish to travel in Europe while in Italy. Information about obtaining the permit of stay will be sent to you by your host institution. You should be prepared, however, to pay approximately **157,76 Euro cash** in stages for this document and bring the following items with you to Italy:

- 1 photocopy of your photo ID and the Italian Visa pages of your passport
- COPY OF YOUR iNEXT HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY (this health insurance is ONLY valid if your policy specify says that you are covered abroad).
- The ORIGINAL host institution acceptance letter, which you presented to the Italian Consulate or Embassy bearing their official stamp or seal. This letter should have been returned by the Italian Consulate together with your passport and with your visa in it.