



Visa & Permits

Visa requirements depend on the your nationality, the period, and place of study. Our course or program participants are responsible for obtaining their own passport and study visa. We advise you to check for up-to-date information about immigration regulations at the competent authority's website. If you need a visa, you would need to request it at your nearest Consulate or Embassy in the country of your residence. Gustolab International will assist you in this process by issuing a Letter of Enrollment once the student is admitted and has committed to one of our programs.

Attending one of our study abroad or academic internship programs in Italy?

Are you planning to study in Italy?

Students will have to enter Italy for "study reasons", even if they come without a visa. This is because non-essential travel (i.e. tourism) to Italy from most non-EU countries (including the United States) is not recommended; only essential travel is allowed and includes students, businesspersons, EU residents, and relatives of Italian citizens. The student's travel reason should be demonstrated when entering the Italian border by showing supporting paperwork. This means that the student needs to have a document from the home university stating their status as a student attending a program and a document from the hosting institution. Our students will receive more information about this after they are admitted to our programs.

European regulations state that U.S. nationals are exempt from the requirement to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Schengen Member States for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period, notwithstanding the possibility of having country-specific amendments to those Annexes in particular circumstances.

If the student plans to stay in Italy (or another Schengen country) for longer than 90 days or is not a U.S. national, they will have to apply for an entry visa at an Italian consulate in the U.S. or country of residence. Students should be mindful of potential delayed processing times for visa applications and resulting delays in travel planning.

Learn if you should plan to request for a visa and read this information for foreigners intending to come to Italy.



See current restrictions in place regarding travel to Italy.

What should you plan for regarding your passport?

If you are a non-EU national wishing to visit or travel within the EU, you will need a passport valid for at least 3 months after the date you intend to leave the EU country you are visiting, which was issued within the previous 10 years. [Learn more](#)

What do you need to do once you get to Italy?

Students coming to study in Italy usually need to request a “Permesso di Soggiorno” (Residency permit) while short stays usually only require a “Dichiarazione di Presenza” instead of the permesso di soggiorno.

In January 2021, the Association of American Colleges and University programs in Italy (AACUPI) announced the new Italian norms on the declaration of presence for students in the AACUPI Programs, namely art. 38-bis of the Consolidated Act on Immigration. They state that any non-EU student who will stay in Italy for no more than 150 days and who will attend study courses at an AACUPI Program duly authorized under the Barile Law, will not be obliged to request the stay permit, as he or she will be allowed to simply submit the declaration of presence, accompanied by the (new) declaration of guarantee signed by the Program’s legal representative or his/her delegate. Gustolab International will provide guidance regarding this paperwork. [Get in contact with us for more information.](#)

Are you planning to participate in one of our Academic Internships once in Italy?

Italy and the European Union strictly define internship categories and sponsorship. Gustolab International will provide guidance on any internship-related documentation that must be compiled such as internship assessment questionnaires and attendance registers. Students will be required to



complete all application paperwork before their arrival in Italy.

Are you a U.S. citizen and planning to visit or travel through European countries during or after your study or intern abroad program?

Learn what you should plan for.

Attending one of our programs in Japan or Vietnam?

Learn if you should plan to request a visa for studying in Japan

Learn if you should plan to request a visa for studying in Vietnam

Gustolab International and local staff will inform you of any additional documents you must bring with you that may be needed to complete local paperwork.

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