



STUDENT VISA AND 'PERMIT OF STAY' (PERMESSO DI SOGGIORNO)

Prior to arrival:

A **Student Visa** is required for non-EU students enrolled in programs that last longer than 90 days and **must** be requested at the Italian Embassy or Consulate that covers your area of residence. Embassies/Consulates require a series of documents in order to issue a student visa. Among these documents, FUA-AUF provides the following: a letter of enrollment, and worldwide insurance coverage for studying and living abroad, unless a student has their own policy or one provided by their home university (please verify this with your advisor).

Please note: Your visa allows you to stay in the Schengen Area only as long as your visa is valid. Depending on citizenship, some students may need a student visa even if they are studying in Italy for a period shorter than 90 days. Please carefully check the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website for further information. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the student visa.

After arrival:

Once a student has entered the country on a student visa (for programs longer than 90 days), they must apply for a '**permit of stay**' or *Permesso di Soggiorno* within 8 days of arrival in Italy.

FUA -AUF staff will assist with the 'permit of stay' application during Orientation, as indicated in the Orientation Schedule. The meeting is mandatory and students are required to provide the following items during the meeting:

- Original Passport
- Photocopy of your Passport (photo & visa pages)
- Photocopy of FUA-AUF acceptance letter (stamped by Italian Embassy)
- Copy of your international health insurance card
- Black ink pen
- **120.00 euro** (this payment covers the cost of the official stamp, mailing, and processing fees. Application costs may vary according to Italian immigration laws; FUA- AUF is not responsible for any last-minute change in cost).

Important: Do not submit any original documents with your Permesso di Soggiorno application. All originals must be brought to Italy and stored in a safe place during your stay.

After this first application meeting, students will be escorted to the Immigration office's representatives within the local post office for passport verification. Once the application has been submitted, students are given an appointment at the Questura (Police Department) for fingerprinting and identification before the Permit can be issued. This meeting is mandatory and cannot be changed by FUA-AUF. **Please do not make travel plans until you have received your appointment time and date.** While FUA-AUF will be available to facilitate the filing of the application and advise students on how to reach the

immigration office, **it is the student's responsibility to follow up with the Immigration Police and complete this procedure.**

Important:

Students are responsible for checking their Permit of Stay status after submitting the application. For students staying longer than one semester, it is the students' responsibility to extend the permit to stay. If the extension request is NOT submitted to the immigration office BEFORE the permit expires, students will be required to return to their home country and apply for a new student visa.

Thank you for your cooperation!