



Consolato Generale d'Italia
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ENROLMENT OF NON-EU FOREIGN STUDENTS – ACADEMIC YEARS 2026/2027 AND 2027/2028

Italian state and non-state universities authorized to issue qualifications having legal value, and Italian state and non-state Institutions of Higher Artistic, Musical and Dance Education (AFAM) authorized to issue qualifications having legal value.

Procedures for obtaining a study visa for enrolment in the following courses (A.Y. 2026/2027 and 2027/2028):

- Bachelor's Degree courses and Master's Degree courses (two-year or single-cycle);
- courses offered by the Institutions of Higher Artistic, Musical and Dance Education (AFAM);
- courses offered by the Schools of Higher Linguistic Mediation (SSML);
- international mobility programmes (e.g. Erasmus, Marco Polo and Turandot);
- specialization schools;
- PhD programmes;
- advanced training courses;
- first- and second-level university master's programmes;
- single courses;
- Italian language and culture courses at Roma Tre University, the Universities for Foreigners of Perugia, Siena, and Reggio Calabria “Dante Alighieri”;
- Foundation Courses;
- courses offered by the Institutes of Specialization in Psychotherapy.

The following is specified:

1. The deadlines established for procedures concerning **pre-enrolment in study programmes**, with the exception of those with a limited number of places, are determined by each individual higher education institution and published on their respective websites.
2. **Pre-enrolment must be carried out exclusively online through the UNIVERSITALY portal (www.universitaly.it), by completing the “pre-enrolment application”.**



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3. Universities/AFAM Institutions assess applications by requesting any information and/or document deemed useful and indicate whether or not it is necessary to submit a Declaration of Value for the applicant's educational qualification. Information on the documentation required for the submission of a Declaration of Value is available at the following link: <https://consgerusalemme.esteri.it/it/italia-e-gerusalemme/diplomazia-culturale/studiare-in-italia/>

4. Pre-enrolment on the University portal is **not** required for:

- Post-Diploma Technical Specialization courses offered by Higher Technical Institutes (ITS);
- university-level or postgraduate courses offered by Pontifical Universities, private universities, or Higher Education Institutions not accredited by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR).
- European University Institute of Florence and the European Public Law Organization (international academic institutions recognized within the Italian higher education system).

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A STUDY VISA FOR UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT OF NON-EU FOREIGN STUDENTS – A.Y. 2025/2026

In order to submit an application for a study visa at the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem, it is necessary to book an appointment through the Prenot@mi portal¹ (<https://prenotami.esteri.it/>). On the day of the appointment, fingerprints will be collected and all required documents, the original passport, and the visa fee (payable only in cash) must be submitted. Address of the Consulate General of Italy: Kaf Tet Benovember 16, Katamon, Jerusalem.

Those who are unable to attend the Visa Office of the Consulate General may submit their applications at the “VFS Global” Visa Centre in Ramallah, by prior appointment.

¹ When registering on the Portal, under the field “SELECT EMBASSY/CONSULATE”, applicants must select “JERUSALEM – FIRST CLASS CONSULATE GENERAL OF ITALY”. If you are already registered on the Portal with another Consular Office and wish to submit a visa application through this Consulate, you must first click on “CHANGE EMBASSY/CONSULATE” and then select “JERUSALEM AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT” from the drop-down menu.



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For further information and appointments, please visit the VFS Ramallah website:
<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/pse/en/ita/attend-centre/ramallah>

Fees: The updated amount in Shekels for the national study visa is indicated in the table available on the following webpage: <https://consgerusalemme.esteri.it/it/servizi-consolari-e-visti/servizi-per-il-cittadino-italiano/tariffe-consolari/>

Visa applications must be submitted in the applicant's district of residence.

In the event of a refusal, it will **NOT** be possible to submit a second application for the same academic year.

CALENDAR FOR THE SUBMISSION OF VISA APPLICATIONS

In view of the autonomy of educational institutions, individual universities independently establish enrolment deadlines. However, for certain academic courses, applications for entry visas must be submitted within the following deadlines in order to enable students to be in Italy in time for the beginning of their studies.

A) Degree courses, namely Bachelor's Degrees, Master's Degrees, First-Level Academic Diplomas and Second-Level Academic Diplomas, including single-cycle programmes

- For Academic Year 2026/2027
No later than 30 November 2026.
- For Academic Year 2027/2028
No later than 31 October 2027.

B) University master's programmes, PhD programmes, specialization schools, Italian language and culture courses, Erasmus programmes, Foundation Courses, and Post-Diploma Technical Specialization courses organized by Higher Technical Institutes (ITS)

Applications may be submitted at any time of the year, provided that they are submitted sufficiently in advance to allow the visa to be issued **in time for the commencement of the educational activities.**



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LIMITED-ACCESS COURSES

Access to these courses requires passing an entrance examination, the dates of which are established in the admission notices issued by the individual universities:

- Degree and Master's Degree courses directly aimed at the training of Architects;
- Single-cycle Master's Degree course in Primary Education Sciences.

It is recalled that, with regard to the procedures for admission to the single-cycle Master's Degree courses in Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics, and Veterinary Medicine, the new reference legislation is Law No. 26 of 14 March 2025, published in the Official Gazette on 18 March 2025. A subsequent notice will specify the enrolment procedures for international students in the above-mentioned courses.

Students wishing to obtain a study visa for university enrolment at public and private universities and AFAM institutions must prepare the following documentation:

1. **National Visa Application Form (Type D)**, duly signed, also downloadable from our website at the following link: https://consgerusalemme.esteri.it/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/formulario_visto_nazionale_eng-ita.pdf
2. **Passport**, valid for at least three months beyond the expiry date of the requested visa and the planned departure from the Schengen Area, together with one colour photocopy of the passport, plus photocopies of any Schengen visas issued during the last five years and the corresponding entry and exit stamps.
3. One recent **photograph** (not older than three months), complying with ICAO standards:
https://consgerusalemme.esteri.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/standard_icao_per_foto_documenti.pdf
4. **Summary of the pre-enrolment application, as validated by the higher education institution.** It is recalled that only students whose pre-enrolment applications have been **validated without reservations** (or with reservations solely relating to language tests or admission examinations yet to be taken) may apply for a study visa.



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N.B. The decision regarding the issuance of a study visa falls within the exclusive competence of this Consulate General. Acceptance of the student by the Italian university does not confer any right to obtain a visa.

5. **Proof of financial means:** the student must demonstrate the availability of sufficient financial means for the intended stay. **Such means are quantified at €10,179.85 per year.**

The applicant must also demonstrate the availability of the **amount required for repatriation** (air travel costs, estimated at approximately €500, to be added to the minimum requirement of €10,179.85), which may also be evidenced by the production of a return ticket.

These represent minimum financial requirements, which alone do not satisfy the assessment of the visa applicant's socio-economic situation.

The availability in Italy of the amount of €10,179.85 must be demonstrated through personal financial resources, those of the parents, resources made available by Italian citizens or foreign nationals lawfully residing in Italy, or funds provided by Italian institutions and entities of proven reliability, including universities, or by local governments or reliable foreign institutions and entities.

Accordingly, the following documentation must be submitted:

- **Personal bank statements and those of the parents, showing transactions covering at least the previous six months; and/or**
- Certification of a scholarship granted by Italian institutions and entities of proven reliability, including universities; and/or
- Bank statements of the Italian citizen or foreign national lawfully residing in Italy (not a student) who expressly declares his or her intention to bear the applicant's expenses, showing transactions covering at least the previous six months.

In addition, the following documents must be enclosed:

- Documentation relating to the employment of the parents and/or the guarantor in Italy (pay slips, tax returns, salary certificate, income declaration);



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- A **declaration of financial support** by the parents or by the guarantor residing in Italy. For persons residing in Italy, a self-declaration is accepted; in all other cases, the declaration must be executed before a notary public.

Cash funds and surety insurance policies are NOT accepted.

Ownership of real estate, land, vehicles, etc. will NOT be taken into consideration; applicants are therefore invited not to submit the relevant certificates.

On the basis of the documentation submitted, **this Consulate reserves the right to assess the overall economic situation of the family and/or of the guarantor in Italy**, which must be adequate to ensure, with certainty and on a monthly basis, the amount necessary for subsistence in Italy.

6) **Document attesting knowledge of the language in which the studies will be carried out**

Courses taught in Italian

Higher education institutions are responsible for verifying language proficiency for admission to their programmes. Each institution independently organizes an Italian language test and determines the required level, which must be **at least B2**. Such a test is mandatory for all Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and single-cycle Master's Degree programmes, with the exception of Foundation Courses, for which the minimum required level is B1. The outcome of the language assessment is certified and uploaded by the university to the pre-enrolment application.

Apart from the result of the language test, the only certificates valid for visa issuance purposes are those at a level not lower than B2, issued by Italian Cultural Institutes or by schools belonging to the CLIQ network. In the event of doubts concerning the authenticity or veracity of the documentation submitted, or regarding the actual passing of the examination conducted by the universities, this Consulate reserves the right to conduct a thorough interview aimed at verifying the applicant's language skills.



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Courses taught in a foreign language

For visa applications relating to courses taught in a language other than Italian, applicants must submit appropriate language certificates attesting proficiency at **a level not lower than B2** of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), issued by internationally recognized institutions, or equivalent certificates issued by the universities themselves, provided that they certify the possession of the required language skills in all four competencies (listening, reading, speaking and writing).

7) **Documentation relating to previous studies:**

a) Copy of the upper secondary school diploma, Bachelor's degree and/or Master's degree, and any other educational certificates.

The final qualification must be accompanied, alternatively, by:

a Statement of Comparability and a Statement of Verification of Authenticity issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre (CIMEA); or

a Declaration of Value (Dichiarazione di Valore) for the foreign qualification, where the CIMEA statement does not explicitly confirm that the authenticity of the submitted qualification has been verified.

b) Certificate attesting the successful completion of any academic aptitude examinations, where such examinations are required for admission to universities in the applicant's country of origin.

c) Certified Italian translations of the documents referred to under points a) and b).

d) Any additional documentation that may be required for the purpose of verifying the authenticity and validity of the foreign educational qualification.

8) **Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Motivation Letter**

9) **Health insurance.** Adequate insurance coverage for medical treatment, hospitalization and repatriation (minimum coverage of €30,000), which the student must prove to possess when applying for a residence permit.



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- 10) At least a **one-way airline ticket reservation**.
- 11) **Proof of suitable accommodation in Italy**, in the form of: a confirmed hotel reservation for a minimum period of one month; or a lease agreement; or a declaration of hospitality in accordance with the model adopted by the Visa Office, available at: https://consgerusalemme.esteri.it/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/dichiarazione_di_ospitalita.pdf
- 12) An open **copy of the identity card** showing the composition of the family unit.
- 13) **IN THE CASE OF A MINOR STUDENT:** Authorization to travel from the legal guardians and entrustment to a guardian in Italy, drawn up before a notary public and duly legalized and translated. Alternatively, the parents/legal guardians may appear in person before the offices of the Consulate to provide their consent in person.

N.B. The Visa Office of the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem reserves the right to request any additional document deemed necessary and/or to summon applicants for an interview in person, by telephone, or by video call.

It is recalled that, within eight working days from their entry into Italy, foreign students holding this type of visa are required to apply for a residence permit for STUDY purposes.



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SPECIAL CASES

a) Students who entered Italy with a study/enrolment visa and wish to enrol in a different programme, or who have subsequently withdrawn from their studies

A student wishing to enrol in a programme different from the one for which the entry visa was issued, a student who is not admitted by the University and therefore enrolls directly in Italy in another degree programme, or a student who has formally withdrawn from his or her studies, must return to the country of origin and apply for a new study/enrolment visa. Such students may not continue to rely on the residence permit originally issued in connection with the degree programme from which they have withdrawn.

b) Students awaiting the issuance of their first residence permit who need to return to Italy

For students enrolled in a university programme and awaiting the issuance of their first residence permit, current legislation does not, except in exceptional circumstances, allow the issuance of a re-entry visa. Students are therefore strongly advised not to leave Italy until they have obtained their residence permit, in order to avoid possible difficulties upon re-entering the country. Where return to Italy is absolutely unavoidable, students should contact the Visa Office to receive detailed instructions regarding the procedures for submitting an application for a re-entry visa, as well as the supporting documentation to be attached to the application.

c) Students awaiting the renewal of their residence permit who need to return to Italy

Foreign students holding the postal receipt confirming the submission of an application for renewal of their residence permit may re-enter Italy without the need to obtain a visa and without any additional formalities, provided that they enter directly through an Italian external border and do not transit through any other Schengen country (i.e. by means of a direct flight).

d) Students resuming their studies in Italy after an interruption or following attendance at courses at foreign universities



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Students previously enrolled at an Italian university who have temporarily interrupted their studies may find themselves in a situation where their residence permit has expired and/or has not been renewed. A similar situation may arise in the case of foreign students regularly enrolled at an Italian university who, under multilateral student mobility agreements between higher education institutions, are required to attend semester-long or annual courses abroad. Such students should contact the Visa Office to obtain specific guidance on the procedures for submitting a new entry visa application aimed at resuming and continuing their academic career, as well as on the documentation to be attached to the relevant application.