IMMIGRATION
INTRODUCTION

FLORENCE, ITALY
SPRING 2023
Florence Spring 2023 Participants,

Congratulations on your acceptance to FSU International Program’s study abroad program! It’s time to start preparing for the upcoming immigration and visa processes you’ll need to complete to be eligible to study abroad. A Visa Packet with further information and guidance regarding the visa application process will be provided to all participants at a later date.

For now, please review the information and timeline included in this packet concerning important immigration items and steps that must completed immediately.

Please contact the Immigration Team, at IP-Visas@fsu.edu, if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,
The International Programs Immigration Team
**IMPORTANT COMPONENTS FOR STUDENT VISA**

**PASSPORT**
A valid passport book is required for your program and international travel.

If you have a passport, please ensure it meets the following requirements:
- Has six months of validity beyond your intended date of return (OCTOBER 27, 2023)
- Must contain at least 2 blank visa pages.

If you do not have a passport, or your current passport does not meet the outlined requirements, please contact IP-Visas@fsu.edu, immediately for guidance.

Processing times for passport issuance are currently delayed – if you require a new passport, it's essential you apply as soon as possible. You can find a list of local Passport Acceptance Facilities near you on the U.S. Department of State’s website, found [HERE](#).

**TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**
International Programs will apply for your student visa on your behalf. You are required to submit your signed physical passport book to International Programs in early October for visa processing.

You should not arrange any international travel in the 3 months leading up to your program (October – January). The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs highly discourages students from attempting to enter the Schengen Area before the start of their visa and will be in possession of participants’ passports for processing prior to the start of the program.

If you currently have international travel plans prior to the start of your program, please contact IP-Visas@fsu.edu, as soon as possible.

**AGE, RESIDENCE & CITIZENSHIP**

**UNDER 18 REQUIREMENTS**
If you will be under the age of 18 on THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023, please contact an Immigration Coordinator at IP-Visas@fsu.edu.

**NON-U.S. & DUAL CITIZENS**
Visa requirements for non-U.S. citizens are different from those of U.S. citizens. Please be advised that you will need to be in possession of your Permanent Resident Card, or U.S. visa, to allow re-entry into the U.S. following your program.
IMPORTANT COMPONENTS FOR STUDENT VISA

If you possess a valid EU Passport, you are not required to obtain a student visa. Please ensure your passport currently meets all EU validity requirements.

If you are a non-U.S. citizen or hold dual-citizenship status, please contact IP-Visas@fsu.edu.

CURRENT RESIDENCE
If you currently reside outside of the United States, please contact an Immigration Coordinator at IP-Visas@fsu.edu.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
In addition to the visa application, the Italian Consulate requests a recent bank statement reflecting $4,000 in a Checking or Savings account. The statement can be supplied from the applicant or their parent/legal guardian.

Account types other than Checking or Savings (e.g. Money Market, Financial Aid, or Certificate of Deposit) WILL NOT be accepted. Further instructions will be provided in the Visa Packet. Do not submit your financial statement until prompted.
Please check your passport and make sure it meets all validity requirements. If you do not have a passport, or your current passport does not meet the outlined requirements, please contact IP-Visas@fsu.edu immediately for guidance.

It is also recommended you make the necessary preparations to your financial accounts advance to ensure you have adequate liquid funds.

**NOW**

**AUGUST**

**MID-AUGUST**
You will be required to upload a copy of your physical passport to the IP Student Portal. Please reference the upload instructions carefully.

Additionally, a program-specific Visa Packet will be uploaded to your IP Student Portal. The Visa Packet will provide instructions on how to complete the visa application and compile all supplemental documents.

**OCTOBER**

**EARLY/MID-OCTOBER**
Your physical passport, completed visa application, and support documents will be due to the International Programs office.

**DECEMBER**

Once visas have been processed by the Consulate, your passport will be returned to International Programs. The Immigration Team will contact participants and make arrangements for pickup and delivery of immigration materials.

Be sure to monitor your IP Student Portal and FSU Student Email. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact International Programs at IP-Visas@fsu.edu.