**Florence Summer 2023 Participants,**

Congratulations on your acceptance to FSU International Program’s study abroad program! It’s time to start preparing for any immigration requirements you’ll need to be aware of to be eligible to study abroad.

U.S. citizens are not required to obtain a visa for this program. Please review the information included in this packet concerning important immigration items and steps that you should be aware of.

Please be sure to monitor your IP Student Portal and FSU Student Email. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Immigration Team at [IP-Visas@fsu.edu](mailto:IP-Visas@fsu.edu)!

Sincerely,

The International Programs Immigration Team
**IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION COMPONENTS**

**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
- 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.**

You will be required to upload copy of your physical passport to the IP Student Portal by **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023.** Please reference the upload instructions carefully.

**TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS & FLIGHT INFORMATION**

**TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**
U.S. Citizens are permitted to travel **up to 90 within 180 days** in Italy and the Schengen Area without requiring a visa. If you plan to travel before or after your program, please ensure that you will not be in Italy or the Schengen Area longer than 90 days.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**
Due to the imposition of fines for violations in immigration policies, many airlines will not permit passengers to board international flights when traveling on one-way tickets.

**International Programs highly recommends participants travel on a round-trip flight.**

For questions regarding flight policies and information, please contact your airline directly.

**AGE & CITIZENSHIP**

**UNDER 18 REQUIREMENTS**
If you will be **under the age of 18 on or after the start date of your program,** 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.

If you are a non-U.S. citizen or hold dual-citizenship status, **please contact IP-Visas@fsu.edu.**
The Schengen Area is a region comprised of 26 European countries that have officially abolished all passport and border control at their mutual borders.

ENTERING THE SCHENGEN AREA
When you first enter the Schengen Area, you must go through immigration and your passport will be stamped.

- Example: Traveling from the United States to Italy.

TRAVELING WITHIN THE SCHENGEN AREA
When you travel from one Schengen country to another, you are not required to go through immigration or receive a stamp in your passport.

- Example: Traveling from Italy to Spain.

EXITING THE SCHENGEN AREA
When you exit the Schengen Area, you must go through immigration again and your passport will be stamped.

- Example: Traveling from Italy back to the United States or traveling from Italy to the UK.

The United Kingdom (UK) is not considered part of the Schengen Area. UK immigration policy permits U.S. citizens may travel within the UK for up to six months as a tourist without requiring a visa.