

Italian Student Visa Instructions: Applying Independently through San Francisco

CONSULATE GENERAL OF ITALY IN SAN FRANCISCO

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Jurisdiction: Alaska, California (except the following counties: Imperial Valley, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo and Ventura, which fall within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General in Los Angeles), Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington. Also, the following American territories of: American Territories of Samoa, American Territory of Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Johnston Atoll, Wake Island, Midway Islands.

Students who attend school or have a home address within this jurisdiction can apply for their visa here.

Main contact at Syracuse Abroad for visas: **Dylan Eldred**, Florence Visa Coordinator 315-443-9428, syrflorence@syr.edu

Before you begin:

- Ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after your program ends.
- Ensure you have a <u>REAL ID</u> if you have any domestic air travel between October and the start of the Florence program as you will need to submit your passport to the consulate to process your visa and will not be able to use your passport for travel during this time.

Make an appointment at the Italian consulate in San Francisco immediately. This should be for a "Nationals" visa [National visas (all visas over 90 days long)] – you will select "study" as reason for visit. Appointments at this consulate are hard to find, so we recommend you start looking for an appointment now and continue to check regularly. The earliest possible appointment date you can schedule is Monday, September 8th as there are documents you need from our office to include in your application.

Create your user account and make a visa appointment here.

For a step by step guide on how to schedule an appointment, <u>click here</u>

IMPORTANT: About 10 days before the appointment, you will receive an email from the Italian consulate asking you to confirm your appointment. It is imperative that you do this immediately. Failure to confirm your appointment will result in the consulate cancelling it (3 days before) and it will be released back into the system. You will not be able to enter the consulate on the original appointment date and will have to look for a new appointment.

- You must appear at the consulate in person. You cannot send anyone else to the appointment on your behalf. Visa applications cannot be mailed to the consulate.
- Processing time is typically 3-4 weeks to receive your passport back with your visa. Note
 that it is possible for visa processing to take up to 90 days so make sure to plan
 accordingly.

First, complete the Independent Visa Plan (Italy) questionnaire in your <u>OrangeAbroad Portal</u> to provide us with information regarding which consulate you plan on applying through, your current address to send visa documents to you for your appointment (if applicable), and to indicate any international travel plans. This form needs to be completed and submitted by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>October 1st</u>.

Once you have made your visa appointment, please complete the Scheduled Visa Appointment (Italy) questionnaire in your <u>OrangeAbroad portal</u>, so we can provide the original documentation that is required from Syracuse Abroad (hard copies of enrollment letters in English and Italian, and an insurance certificate). Schedule your visa appointment at the consulate for no later than <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 26th</u>. Any later and you risk not receiving your passport/student visa back in time for the start of the program. The deadline to schedule your visa appointment at the consulate and complete the Scheduled Visa Appointment questionnaire is <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 10th</u>.

You are required to have a visa advising meeting with the Florence Visa Coordinator to review your visa documents prior to your visa appointment at the consulate. You can schedule this meeting using the link below. Please schedule your advising appointment once you have all your visa materials gathered before your visa appointment at the consulate. We ask that you schedule your advising appointment for at least two weeks before your consulate appointment to make sure you have time to correct any mistakes.

SCHEDULE VISA ADVISING APPOINTMENT

Syracuse students can review their materials in person at the Syracuse Abroad office (106 Walnut PI) while visiting students will have their visa advising appointment over Zoom before your visa appointment at the consulate.

Once you have received your passport back from the consulate with your Italian student visa, you will need to upload a scan of your visa to your <u>OrangeAbroad portal</u> under the "Student Visa Upload (Italy)" questionnaire. Please complete this form as soon as you receive your passport back with your visa, but no later than **Friday**, **January 2nd**.

Signature Seminar: If you are at all interested in our optional <u>post-semester Signature Seminar</u>, please plan to obtain your visa for the correct number of days. The Signature Seminar ends on Sunday, May 10th while our regular program ends on Friday, April 30th. More information about how to sign up for the Signature Seminar will be shared with you soon.

WAIVER NOTICE

By applying independently for your visa, you accept full responsibility for the application process. **Syracuse Abroad cannot work with the Italian Consulates on behalf of independent visa applicants**. If you experience difficulty or errors with your visa, you must work directly with the Italian Consulate to have them resolved. Syracuse Abroad can provide advice and guidance but is not liable or responsible for independent visa applicants.

Additional Questions? We would be happy to assist you. Please email: syrflorence@syr.edu.

Important To Dos and Deadlines

- ✓ Earliest date to schedule your visa appointment at the consulate-Monday, September 8
- ✓ Complete "Independent Visa Plan (Italy)" questionnaire in your OrangeAbroad Portal- by Wednesday, October 1
- ✓ Schedule your visa advising appointment
- ✓ Deadline to gather your visa materials and meet with a Syracuse Abroad advisor for visa material review- Two weeks before consulate appointment
- Book an appointment with the consulate and complete

 "Scheduled Visa Appointment (Italy)" Questionnaire in your

 OrangeAbroad Portal- by Monday, November 10
- Deadline to have your visa appointment at the consulate Wednesday November 26
- ✓ Upload a scan of your Italian student visa under the "Student Visa Upload (Italy)" questionnaire in your OrangeAbroad Portal- As soon as you receive your passport back with your visa, but no later than Friday, January 2

Checklist of Required Visa Documents

These documents are mandatory, no exceptions can be made.

PRINT DOCUMENTS SINGLE-SIDED.

1. One Application form completely and clearly filled out and signed by the applicant. Please use the proper application form: National Visa (more than 90 days) or Schengen Visa (90 days or less, non-U.S. citizens only).
2. Passport-Original and photocopy of the main page. The passport or travel document must be valid at least six months after the visa expiration date. The passport must have two blank pages and cannot have been issued more than ten years ago.
 Non-U.S. Citizens: Proof of permanent residence in the United States (only for non-U.S. citizens): U.S. Alien Registration Card or valid long-term U.S. visa. Plus: photocopy of the residence card or the passport page with the U.S. visa. U.S. B1/B2 visas do NOT count as proof of permanent residence. If you are in the United States on a B1 or B2 visa, you cannot apply for a visa here. You must return to your home country and apply through the appropriate Italian Embassy or Consulate in your home country.
3. One recent Passport size standard ID photograph: 45mm (1.77 inch) tall by 35mm (1.37 inch) wide, full face, front view, color.
4. Photocopy of student's ID and driver's license (or state ID)
5. Enrollment Letter in Italian filled out from the University in Italy (not simply filled out by the American Institution but on their own letterhead) addressed to the Visa Office of the Italian Consulate in San Francisco, confirming the enrollment of the student, program dates , duration , weekly hours of attendance (minimum 20 hours a week) and specifying the address of the student's accommodation. SYRACUSE ABROAD WILL PROVIDE THIS LETTER TO YOU FOR YOUR APPLICATION
6. Enrollment Letter from the University in United States , addressed to the Visa Office of the Italian Consulate in San Francisco, specifying that the student is officially enrolled with said University and confirming his/her enrollment in the University Study Abroad Program in Italy. The letter should also indicate the address of the University in

Italy, program dates, and duration of the program. SYRACUSE ABROAD WILL PROVIDE THIS LETTER TO YOU FOR YOUR APPLICATION □ 7. Proof of international health coverage for the entire duration of the program. SYRACUSE ABROAD WILL PROVIDE THIS LETTER TO YOU FOR YOUR APPLICATION □ 8. Proof of Financial Means. Applicant must provide your entire, most recent bank statement indicating your account balance. The account balance must equal or exceed \$3,635 USD. o **Notarized Affidavit of Financial Support**. If a family member is financially responsible for you, please present both their notarized Affidavit of Financial Support, completely filled out, and (1) a letter from their bank, on the bank's letterhead, signed by a bank official and with a recent date, or (2) their entire, most recent bank statement showing an account balance which must equal or exceed \$3,635 USD. 9. Money Order (type D study) duly filled out and made to: Consulate General of Italy in San Francisco. Please see the consulate's website for current fees and keep in mind that they change quarterly (January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1). □ 10. A self-addressed (from yourself and to yourself) pre-paid US Postal Service Priority or Express Mail envelope so that your passport can be mailed back to you. San Francisco consulate does not offer in-person pick-up. The Declaration for Mailing Passports

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS NOT LISTED ON CONSULATE'S WEBSITE

your envelope.

 Enrollment verification letter from your home college/university. This letter should come from your school's registrar's office and state that you are a full-time student in good standing. Syracuse University students- this letter will be provided to you by Syracuse Abroad.

document needs to be completely and clearly filled out to provide to the consulate with

1. Visa Application Form

You must submit a paper application for your visa. Please fill out the application based on the sample provided on the following pages. Fill out each page exactly as it is filled out on the sample with your appropriate information. There are three signatures required on this application, and you must complete all for the application to be complete. Blank application forms are available here.

Please refer to this page when answering questions 25, 29 and 30 of your visa application.

Number of Days for Spring 2026 (question 25)

Question 25: Program	Number of Days
SU Florence Center, Studio Arts, Architecture, Engineering, Design	
Florence Center & Intensive Language Program at the University of	
Florence	107 days
Signature Seminar	117 days

Program Dates for Spring 2026 (questions 29 and 30)

If your arrival/departure dates differ from the program dates, please answer question 29 & 30 based on flight itinerary.

Question 29: Program	Arrival Date
SU Florence Center, Studio Arts, Architecture, Engineering, Design	
Florence Center & Intensive Language Program at the University of	Arrive January 14,
Florence	<mark>2026</mark>
	Arrive January 14,
Signature Seminar	<mark>2026</mark>

Question 30: Program	Departure Date
SU Florence Center, Studio Arts, Architecture, Engineering, Design	
Florence Center & Intensive Language Program at the University of	Depart April 30, 2026
Florence	

Signature Seminar	Depart May 10, 2026
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San Francisco

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	6. State di nascita / Country of birth COUNTRY of birth Nationality at birth, if different	Domanda presentata presso:
8. Sesso /Sex:	9. Stato civile/.marital statusselect appropriate box	Ambasciata/Consolato
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20. Datore di lavoro, indirizzo e numero di insegnamento/Employer and employer's add	Tipo di visto: □ D	
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31. Cognome e nome della persona che ha richiesto il ricongio	ungimento o del datore di lavoro. Altrimenti, nel caso di				
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Address and email address of the person(s) who applied for	fax number of the person(s) who applied for				
Family reunion or of the employer	Family reunion or of the employer				
LEAVE BLANK	LEAVE BLANK				
32. Nome e indirizzo dell'impresa/organizzazione che invita	Telefono e fax dell'impresa/organizzazione				
//Name and address of host company/organization SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY IN FLORENCE	. Telephone and fax of the Company/ organization (39) 055-5031-31 PHONE				
PIAZZA SAVONAROLA, 15 FLORENCE I-50132	(39) 055-5000-31 FAX				
Cognome, nome, indirizzo, telefono, fax e indirizzo di posta el					
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Company/organisation SASHA PERUGINI- DIRECTOR SU I PIAZZA SAVONAROLA, 15, FLOREI					
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34. Dati anagrafici del familiare che è cittadino UE, SEE o CH / Personal data of the family member who i s an EU, EEA					
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Sono a conoscenza del fatto che il rifiuto del visto non dà luogo al rimborso dei diritti pagati per la trattazione della pratica

I am aware that the visa fee is not refunded if the visa is refused

STUDENT SIGNATURE

Sono informato/a del fatto e accetto che la raccolta dei dati richiesti in questo modulo, la mia fotografia e, se del caso, la rilevazione delle mie impronte digitali sono obbligatorie per l'esame della domanda di visto e che i miei dati anagrafici figuranti nel presente modulo di domanda di visto, così come le mie impronte digitali e la mia fotografia, saranno comunicati alle competenti autorità italiane e trattati dalle stesse ai fini dell'adozione di una decisione in merito alla mia domanda.

Tali dati, così come i dati riguardanti la decisione relativa alla mia domanda o un'eventuale decisione di annullamento o revoca di un visto rilasciato, saranno inseriti e conservati nel sistema informatico della Rappresentanza diplomatico consolare e del Ministero degli Affari Esteri. Tali dati saranno accessibili alle autorità nazionali competenti per i visti. Inoltre, saranno accessibili alle autorità Schengen competenti ai fini dei controlli sui visti alle frontiere esterne, alle autorità degli Stati membri competenti in materia di immigrazione e di asilo (ai fini della verifica dell'adempimento delle condizioni di ingresso, soggiorno e residenza regolari nel territorio degli Stati membri e dell'identificazione delle persone che non soddisfano, o non soddisfano più, queste condizioni), alle autorità degli Stati membri competenti ai fini dell'esame di una domanda di asilo. A determinate condizioni, i dati saranno anche accessibili alle autorità designate degli Stati membri e a Europol ai fini della prevenzione, dell'individuazione e dell'investigazione di reati di terrorismo e altri reati gravi.

Sono informato/a del mio diritto di ottenere la notifica dei dati relativi alla mia persona registrati nel sistema informatico e del diritto di chiedere che i dati inesatti relativi alla mia persona vengano rettificati e che quelli relativi alla mia persona trattati illecitamente vengano cancellati. Su mia richiesta espressa, l'autorità che esamina la domanda mi informerà su come esercitare il mio diritto a verificare i miei dati anagrafici e a rettificarli o sopprimerli, così come delle vie di ricorso previste a tale riguardo dalla legislazione nazionale.

L'autorità di controllo nazionale dei dati è il Garante per la Protezione dei Dati Personali.

Dichiaro che tutti i dati da me forniti sono completi ed esatti. Sono consapevole che le dichiarazioni false comporteranno il respingimento della mia domanda o l'annullamento del visto già concesso e comporteranno la richiesta di avvio di azioni giudiziarie da parte della Rappresentanza ai sensi della legislazione dello Stato (articolo 331 c.p.p.).

La mera concessione del visto non dà diritto ad alcun tipo di risarcimento qualora io non soddisfi le condizioni previste dall'articolo 5, paragrafo 1 del Regolamento (UE) n. 562/2006 (Codice Frontiere Schengen) e dell'articolo 4 del D.Lgs. 286/98 e per tali motivi mi venga rifiutato l'ingresso.

I am aware of and consent to the following: the collection of the data required by this application form, submision of my photograph and, if applicable, the taking of fingerprints are mandatory for the examination of the visa application; and any personal data concerning me which appears on the visa application form, as well as my fingerprints and my photograph will be supplied to the relevant Italian Authorities and processed by these Authorities for the purposes of a decision on my visa application.

Such data as well as data concerning the decision regarding my application or a decision whether to annul or revoke a visa issued will be entered into and stored in the Visa Information System of the diplomatic/consular mission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Such data will be accessible to the National Visa Authorities. Moreover, such data will be accessible to the Schengen Authorities competent for carrying out checks on visas at external borders, to the immigration and asylum authorities in the Member States (for the purposes of verifying whether the conditions for the legal entry into, stay and residence in the territory of the Member States are fulfilled and of identifying persons who do not or who no longer fulfill these conditions) to the Member States authorities competent for examining an asylum application. Under certain conditions the data will also be available to designated authorities of the Member States and to Europol for the purpose of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences.

I am aware that I have the right to obtain the notification of the data relating to me recorded in the Visa Information System and to request that the data relating to me which is inaccurate be corrected and that the data relating to me unlawfully processed be deleted. At my express request, the authority examining my application will inform me of the manner in which I may exercise my right to check the personal data concerning me and have it corrected or deleted, including the related appeal procedures according to the National Law. The competent authority in charge for personal data is "Garante per la protezione dei dati personali".

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I declare that to the best of my knowledge all the information supplied by me is correct and complete. I am aware that any false statements will lead to my application being rejected or to the annulment of a visa already granted and may also render me liable to prosecution, under the National Law, with proceedings initiated by the Embassy/Consulate of Italy which deals with the application (Article 331 Penal Code).

The mere fact that a visa has been granted to me does not mean that I will be entitled to compensation if I fail to comply with the relevant provisions of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 (Schengen Borders Code) and Article 4 of the Decree no. 286/98 and I am therefore refused entry.

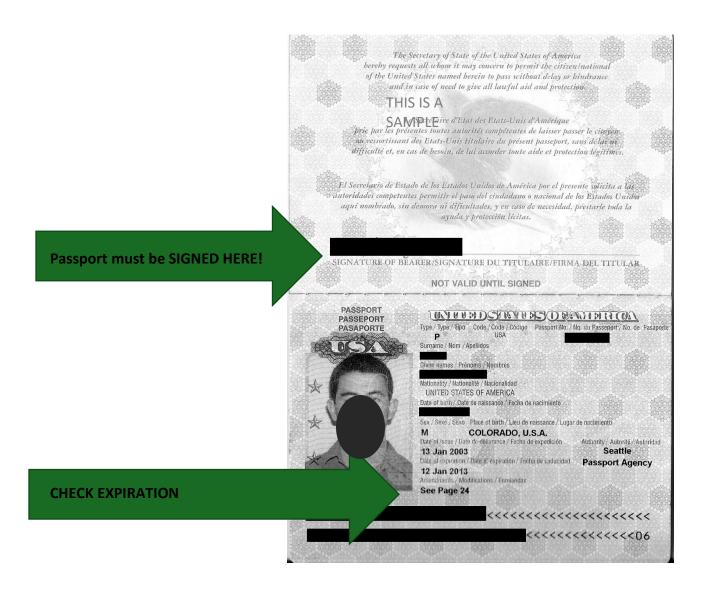
ANNOTAZIONI/NOTES (riservato all'Ufficio/ for office use only)		
Luogo e data / Place and date	Firma (per i minori, firma del titolare della potestà genitoriale/ tutore legale) /Signature (.for minors, signature of parental authority/legal guardian)	
CITY, STATE, DATE of signature	STUDENT SIGNATURE	

2. Passport and photocopy of ID page

You must submit your official passport and a photocopy of the ID page (and of your US visa if applicable) with your visa application.

- 1. Your passport must be SIGNED in PEN
- 2. Your passport must be valid for at least six months after the program end date
- 3. Make 2 copies of your passport ID and keep one for your records. DO NOT submit your passport to the Italian consulate without making a photocopy for yourself first.

Photocopy your ID page just as you see below on an 8 % x 11 sheet of paper. Do not photocopy any other items onto the page.



3. One Official Passport Photo



The consulate requires a separate photo to create your visa.

This does not need to be the same photo as in your passport. This photo should reflect your current appearance and be no more than 6 months old. You may have official passport photos taken at the post office, drugstores and other stores (*i.e.*, CVS) for a fee. The photo should feature only you in front of a white background. You may not take the photo yourself. Only send one photo with your visa application but keep the extra photos and bring them with you

to Italy. Please write your name clearly on the back of the photo. Please see the sample on the left. The photo should be **glued** to the appropriate spot on the application. No staples permitted.

4. Copy of your Student ID and Driver's License or State ID

Please make a copy of your Driver's License or State ID onto a blank sheet of paper and ensure the copy is clear and legible. Please do the same with your Student ID.

Non-U.S. citizens: Please make a photocopy of your green card, or a copy of your F-1/ J-1 visa and I-20 or DS-2019.





5. Proof of Financial Means

The consulate requires proof that you have financial means to reside in Florence.

You can satisfy this requirement by presenting the consulate with your entire, most recent bank statement indicating your account balance from a **US bank or financial institution showing funds in a checking and/or savings account**. Syracuse Abroad cannot waive or alter this requirement.

If you are unable to provide proof of the required amount in your own personal checking or savings account, or if a family member is financially responsible for you, please present both the notarized Affidavit of Financial Support, completely filled out, and (1) a letter from their bank, on the bank's letterhead, signed by a bank official and with a recent date, or (2) their entire, most recent bank statement showing an account balance which must equal or exceed the minimums. If you have a joint bank account with a parent or guardian, your parent or guardian must complete the Affidavit of Support.

Statements from retirement accounts, 401k and stock portfolios are NOT accepted by the Italian consulates. Only bank statements/letters of US checking and savings accounts are accepted.

Accessible amounts required:

• Center semester students: must equal or exceed \$3,635 USD for a semester program.

Guidelines for the bank letter or statement

- YOU (the student) OR the specified person in support of the student is the account holder
- Letter or statement must reference US checking or savings accounts only.
- Letter or statement must be original and look as official as possible:
 - Copies, scans, and faxes are not accepted.
 - If providing a bank letter- it should be on the bank's original letterhead and have a signature of a representative if possible.
 - Note that some large national banks (such as Chase or Bank of America) may only provide an electronic Bank Letter and some do not provide signatures.
- You may combine accounts from different institutions to reach your required amount.

United States



Bank of Syracuse



123 Main Street Syracuse, NY 13210

September 20, 2025

To The Honorable Italian Consulate General:

This letter certifies that the title of the following accounts reflects **[your name here]** as an account holder.

Account Type	Account No.	Amount *	Date Opened
Checking	ends in xxxx	\$4,245.36	01/01/2000
Savings	ends in xxxx	In excess of	01/01/2000
	333333341	\$8,000.00	

The above mentioned balance(s) is accurate as of [today's date].

Sincerely, John Doe Bank Teller and Customer Service Representative (315) 555-2252

John.Doe@USBS.com



NOTICE TO THE PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM: Your signature on this form <u>must be authenticated in person</u> by a US notary public, Italian Consular officer or Honorary Consul. Un-notarized or digitally notarized signatures, or signatures notarized by non-US notaries will <u>NOT</u> be accepted.

This form must be submitted to the Italian Consulate in San Francisco in original along with a photocopy of your valid photo ID, your most recent bank statement(s), and your most recent paystub or other proof of employment/income. Please see the applicant's visa instructions for details.

I, bor	n in o	n
(person providing financial support)		
FO	DRMALLY DECLARE THAT	
(1) The visa applicant:		
	born in on	
(full name as it appears on the applicant's	passport) (City, Province, Country,) (dd/mm/yyyy)
is my and intend (family relationship – child, parent, sibling	•	
(2) I have sufficient income and assets and his/her entire stay in Italy. (3) I am enclosing the required information		
months' bank statements and recent pays		•
Affiant:(Signature)	(Date)	
SPACE BELOW	RESERVED FOR THE NOTARY'S USE	

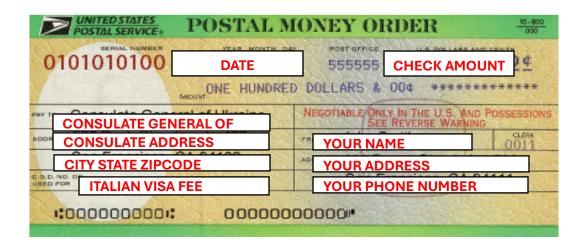
6. Money Order

Applicants are required to pay a processing fee in the form of a personal money order. Please check the exact amount on the <u>fee page</u> of the Italian Consulate's website. Note that the fees are updated each quarter (January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1) so you should check the website close to your appointment date for the current fee.

Make money order out to Consulate General of Italy in San Francisco and use the address of the consulate:

Consulate General of Italy San Francisco 2590 Webster Street San Francisco, CA 94115

Please make sure you write your name, home address and phone number on your money order. You can purchase one at a U.S. post office (preferred). Some pharmacies may also sell money orders, as should your bank. Any alteration to the money order (i.e. Whiteout) will render it unacceptable.



7. Enrollment Verification Letter from Home University

For non-SU students only. **Obtain this letter from your school's registrar's office**; it should confirm that you are enrolled full-time at your home university and should contain your anticipated graduation date. **Letters from National Student Clearinghouse will not be accepted. Syracuse University students will receive this document from Syracuse Abroad.**

8. Prepaid Self Addressed Envelope

Passports and visas will be returned exclusively by mail. The applicant must bring a self-addressed, prepaid or stamped envelope. The Visa Office will accept only **USPS Express Mail prepaid envelopes** from the U.S. Postal Service (no FedEx, no UPS). The Visa Office is not responsible for lost or stolen passports in transit. The <u>Declaration for Mailing Passports</u> document must be completely and clearly filled out to provide to the consulate with your envelope.

We suggest that you save your tracking number to be able to track when your passport is mailed to you with your visa.



