ITALY STUDENT VISA OVERVIEW & RESOURCES



Overview

- If you are traveling internationally before or after your program, be sure to research the immigration requirements for each country you plan to visit. The <u>U.S. Department of State</u> <u>website</u> is a great place to start!
- Ensure your passport is in good condition and <u>valid for at least 6 months</u> after your Verto program ends. If your passport does not meet these requirements, renew it immediately. It may be possible to expedite the passport renewal process.
- Determine which consulate you can apply at based on your driver's license.



- Schedule an appointment with your consulate. Review application requirements on your consulate's website and gather all necessary materials.
- You can also find a breakdown of these requirements on the <u>Location Resources tab of the</u> <u>Enrolled Participants page.</u>
 - Boston Italian Consulate
 - Chicago Italian Consulate
 - Detroit Italian Consulate
 - Houston Italian Consulate
 - Los Angeles Italian Consulate
 - Miami Italian Consulate

- New York City Italian Consulate
- Philadelphia Italian Consulate
- San Francisco Italian Consulate
- <u>Washington D.C. Italian Consulate</u>
- Submit all documentation to your Consulate
 - If you have an appointment, make sure you are punctual. The consulate will keep all submitted documents, **including your passport.**
 - Please note that some consulates require you to confirm your appointment 10 days AND 3 days prior. If you fail to confirm, your appointment will be canceled
 - Make copies of all of your completed visa application documents to keep for your own records.
- Visa processing will be completed in 6 to 8 weeks (varies by Consulate) after the consulate receives your complete and correct visa application packet. <u>Visa processing cannot be</u> <u>expedited</u> – plan accordingly.

Resources

What can Verto do?

- Verto Student Onboarding Advisor: Student Onboarding Advisors (SOAs) are available to help answer questions about the visa process via email, phone, or text. Their contact information and link to schedule a call with them are on the homepage of your <u>MyVerto Portal</u>.
 - Visa Webinars will start being hosted about 4 months prior to the program start date, for Fall, and about 2 months prior for the Spring - exact dates will be announced in the <u>Community App</u>. We strongly encourage that all students attend a visa webinar.
- Student Visa Guide & Documents: Verto provides participants with these resources to clearly
 outline the process and help participants understand the steps.
- Verto Visa documents: Verto will produce the following necessary documents to support your student visa application.
 - Proof of Enrollment (Includes lodging)
 - Proof of Acceptance Letter
 - Proof of Medical Insurance Letter
- We will mail you your proof of enrollment letter, proof of acceptance letter, and proof of medical insurance letter.
 - PLEASE complete the Student Visa Form in the MyVerto Portal so we know when your appointment is. <u>This allows us to make sure your documents arrive in time for</u> your appointment.

What can't Verto do?

- Verto cannot intervene on behalf of participants at the Italian Consulates to obtain individual appointments.
 - We recommend that all students attend a visa webinar and connect with their Student Onboarding Advisor
 - It is the participant's responsibility to provide the necessary documents needed and be detail oriented when completing the student visa application