

Non-US and Non-EU Passport Holder Italian Visa Instructions

As a non-US/non-EU passport holder you need to complete some additional steps in order to secure your visa. Unfortunately, you are not able to participate in batch processing offered by Iowa or your program provider, you'll need to appear at the Italian Consulate in Chicago in person. You can start the application process a maximum of **90 days** before your study abroad program is scheduled to start. The consulate will keep your passport about 4 weeks while they process the Italian visa.

Step 1: Make an appointment at the Chicago Consulate:

http://www.conschicago.esteri.it/consolato_chicago/en/in_linea_con_utente/prenota_appuntamento/. Schedule no earlier than 90 days before your program begins, but no later than 6 weeks before your program begins.

Step 2: Gather your relevant visa documents before you appear at the Consulate. A list of documents can be found here:

http://www.conschicago.esteri.it/consolato_chicago/en/i_servizi/per_chi_si_reca_in_italia/study.html

Step 3: Meet with Teresa Kout in Study Abroad to go over your completed visa packet before your appointment. Teresa will review your packet to ensure all the documents are in order. You can schedule with Teresa by calling 319-335-0353.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply from my home country?

No, the student/study visa process requires you to apply from your university's home consulate (Chicago).

Can I fly to Italy from my home country?

Yes, as long as you plan enough time to get your passport and visa back from the consulate before you depart for home. Remember, you can apply for the visa a maximum of **90 days** before your program begins.

What if there aren't any appointments available during the timeframe I need one?

Check the consulate appointment website at least once a day to watch for appointment openings!!! It is highly possible that a student will cancel an appointment, allowing for an open spot, and by reviewing the schedule frequently, you may be able to find an earlier appointment date. Aside from a cancellation in the existing schedule, there are no other options. Since you attend the University of Iowa, the consulate jurisdiction requires you submit your visa application in Chicago.

Please realize any open appointments will not remain available for long as there are many other students watching the appointment schedule as you will need to do. If you find an opening, don't wait to "grab" that slot as it will be gone if you do not schedule it for yourself.