



## **STUDENT VISA AND 'PERMIT OF STAY' (PERMESSO DI SOGGIORNO)**

### **Prior to arrival:**

A **Student Visa** is required for non-EU students enrolled in programs that last longer than 90 days and **must** be requested at the Italian Consulate that covers your area of residence.

Consulates require a series of documents in order to issue a student visa. Among these documents, FUA provides the following: a letter of enrollment, and worldwide insurance coverage for studying and living abroad, if students do not have their own or a policy provided by their home university (please verify this with your advisor).

**Please note:** some students may need a student visa for a period shorter than 90 days. Please carefully check the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website for further information. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the student visa.

### **After arrival:**

Once the students have entered the country on their student visa (for programs longer than 90 days), they must apply for a '**permit of stay**' or **permesso di soggiorno** within 8 days of arrival in Italy.

FUA staff will assist with the 'permit of stay' application during Orientation, as indicated in the Orientation Schedule. The meeting is mandatory and students are required to provide the following items during the meeting:

- Original Passport
- Photocopy of your Passport (photo & visa pages)
- Photocopy of FUA acceptance letter (stamped by Italian Embassy)
- Copy of your international health insurance
- Black ink pen
- **120.00 euro CASH ONLY** (this payment covers the cost of the official stamp, mailing, and processing fees. Application costs may vary according to Italian immigration laws; FUA is not responsible for any last-minute change in cost).

**Important: Do not submit any original documents with your Permesso di Soggiorno application. All originals must be brought to Italy and stored in a safe place during your stay.**

After this first application meeting, students will be escorted to the Immigration office's representatives within the local post office for passport verification. Once the application has been submitted, students are given an appointment at the Questura (Police Department) for fingerprinting and identification before the Permit can be issued. This meeting is mandatory and cannot be changed by FUA. **Please do not make travel plans until you have received your appointment time and date.** While FUA will be available to facilitate the filing of the application and advise students on how to reach the immigration office, **it is the student's responsibility to follow up with the Immigration Police and complete this procedure.**

### **Important:**

Students are responsible for checking their Permit of Stay status after submitting the application. For students staying longer than one semester, it is the students' responsibility to extend the permit to stay. If the extension request is NOT submitted to the Immigration Office BEFORE the permit expires, students will be required to return to their home country to apply for a new student visa.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**