



**Consulate General of Italy
Lagos**

ENTRY VISA FOR "STUDY" (V.S.U. OR V.N.)

The study visa allows entry into Italy, for a short or long stay, but always for a fixed period, to foreigners intending to attend university courses, study programs, or vocational training at recognized or qualified institutions, or to foreigners invited to carry out cultural and research activities.

For visa applications concerning minors, it is necessary to provide, according to the regulations in force in the country of residence, the consent to travel signed by each parent exercising parental authority who does not accompany the minor, or, in their absence, by the legal guardian (art. 3, Ministerial Decree 850/2011).

To apply for a STUDY visa, the following must be submitted:

1. [Visa application form](#) duly completed and signed;
2. Valid passport with an expiry date at least three months beyond the duration of stay, or at least 15 months for visa type D;
3. One recent [ICAO-format photo](#);
4. Documentation of enrollment or pre-enrollment in the study course, vocational training, or cultural activity;
5. Language certification. Students must demonstrate knowledge of Italian at a level not lower than B2. For courses taught in English, certification of adequate English proficiency must be provided. If the knowledge has been verified by the university or training institution, the Consulate reserves the right to further verify it through an interview;
6. Round-trip flight reservation;
7. Proof of accommodation availability at least for the initial period of stay;
8. [Invitation letter](#) where necessary;
9. Health insurance policy for medical care and hospitalization, if the foreigner is not entitled to healthcare in Italy under agreements with the country of origin;
10. Documentation proving availability of adequate financial means of support in Italy (reference amount pursuant to art. 4, para. 3, Legislative Decree 286/1998 and Annex A, point 17, Ministerial Decree 850/2011), including parental or third-party sponsorship, support from Italian or foreign institutions considered reliable by the Embassy, universities, or local governments.
11. Financial coverage of at least €783.06 per month (€10,179.85 annually) for each month of the academic year.

NOTE: All documents proving financial means must be produced in original, signed and stamped by the issuing authority.

STUDY VISA - TRAINING

Covers participation in vocational training courses aimed at qualification or

certification of acquired skills, lasting no more than 24 months, organized exclusively by accredited institutions.

STUDY VISA - INTERNSHIP

Covers internships functional to completing a professional path. Requires a training project approved by the competent Regional Authority and proof of adequate financial means.

STUDY VISA - CURRICULAR INTERNSHIP

Covers internships included in university or school curricula, granting credits. Requires a training agreement between the sending institution, host entity, and student, specifying program, supervision, objectives, duration, resources, accommodation, return travel, and health insurance.

STUDY VISA - LANGUAGE COURSE

Covers short or long stays for Italian language and culture courses at universities or other institutions.

STUDY VISA - EXCHANGE AND MOBILITY PROGRAM

Covers foreign students participating in recognized exchange/mobility/partnership programs (e.g., Erasmus Plus). Requires agreement between sending institution, host entity, and student, specifying program, supervision, objectives, duration, resources, accommodation, return travel, and health insurance.

ATTENTION: The above list of documents should be considered indicative. The Consulate reserves the right to carry out further checks and request additional documentation.