

STUDY VISA

UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT

Academic year 2025 - 2026

Visa Type :	D-Type National Visa
Duration:	from 91 up to 365 days
Number of entries:	multiple
Deadline to submit the visa application:	30 November 2025 (except foundation courses)
Time limits to apply for the visa:	no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 days before the intended travel date
Time limit to conclude the procedure:	90 days

Overview

The D-Type National Visa for “Study - University Enrolment” allows entering Italy based on admission to any of the following courses at an Italian university (public or private) accredited by the Italian Ministry of Education and Merit:

- 3-year Bachelor’s degree (*Laurea*);
- 2-year Master’s degree (*Laurea magistrale*);
- 5 or 6-year-single-cycle Master’s degree.

That also includes the following institutions: AFAM (Istituti di alta formazione artistica, musicale e coreutica), SSML (Scuole superiori per mediatori linguistici), Postgraduate Institutes of Psychotherapy (Istituti di Specializzazione in Psicoterapia), and ITS (Istituti Tecnici Superiori).

This type of visa only applies to students enrolled in the **first academic year**.

Timeline

Applications are processed within the following timeframe:

- No more than 6 months before the planned travel date;
- No less than 15 days before the planned travel date.

The deadline to apply for the Study Visa for university enrolment in the academic year 2025-2026 is **30 November 2025** (except for Foundation Courses).

The procedure can take up to a maximum of 90 calendar days.

Please note that the passport is returned to the applicant only once a final decision is taken.

Who can apply

Only applicants holding a valid Abu Dhabi residence visa can apply at the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi. GCC citizens can apply if they prove that they are Abu Dhabi residents by submitting their Emirates ID, Tawtheeq / title deed and water and electricity bills (theirs, or their sponsors’).

Residents of Dubai and Northern Emirates have to refer to the Consulate General of Italy in Dubai.

How to book an appointment

Appointments at the Embassy can be booked through the portal Prenot@ami (prenotami.esteri.it).

The Embassy reserves the right to invite the applicant for an interview or to request additional documents.

Pre-Enrolment

Students shall apply for the pre-enrolment online through the web page universitaly.it.

When the University approves the pre-enrolment, the student will receive an e-mail, advising to contact the Embassy in order to apply for the Study Visa.

Authenticity and Comparability

Before applying for the Visa, the student must attest the authenticity and comparability of their educational qualifications.

For both processes, the student must refer to the country where the accreditation body of the curriculum is headquartered, regardless of where the school is physically located.

The [Consular Office at the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi](#) can only recognize the authenticity and comparability of certificates obtained in UAE with the following curricula: Emirati, SABIS and MOE.

To attest the **authenticity**, educational certificates must be either legalized or apostilled.

- **Legalization** applies to certificates issued by institutions whose accreditation body is headquartered in a country **not party** to the 1961 “*Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Document*”. It can be obtained by contacting the Consulate or Embassy of Italy competent for the area where the accreditation body of the curriculum is headquartered.
- **Apostille** applies to certificates issued by institutions whose accreditation body is headquartered in a country **party** to the 1961 “*Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Document*”. It can be obtained by contacting the competent Government Authorities of the country where the Institution is headquartered.

If the University in Italy accepts CIMEA Statement of Verification as **proof of authenticity**, the Visa Office may also accept it, in lieu of what listed above.

Diploma, transcripts and A-Levels/APs/IB certificates, including the Apostille, must be translated into Italian by a legal translator attested in the UAE. You can find at the link a list of legal translators.

In addition to their authenticity, the student must prove the certificates’ **comparability** with the correspondent degree in the Italian educational system.

For this purpose, the student shall submit one of the following:

- **Declaration of Value (DOV):** The student must request it from the Consulate or Embassy of Italy competent for the area where the accreditation body of the curriculum is headquartered.
- **CIMEA Statement of Comparability (SOC):** In case the University in Italy accepts CIMEA Statement of Comparability (SOC) as proof of comparability, the Visa Office may also accept it in lieu of the Declaration of Value. To apply for the CIMEA SOC, kindly access the webpage www.cimea.it.

DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

Important information:

- Students enrolling to a university course (Laurea, Laurea Magistrale or corsi accademici AFAM) must apply for a visa by 30 November 2025, even if they are attending classes online.

1	☐	Application form for D-type National Visa, filled in and originally signed by the applicant. In case of minors, the form must be signed by both the parents.
2	☐	1 passport-size pictures not older than 6 months with white background.
3	☐	A valid original passport (and a copy) satisfying the following criteria: - The passport shall be not older than 10 years. - The passport shall be valid at least 90 days from the date of expiry of the requested visa (365 days after the planned travel date). - The passport shall contain at least two blank opposite pages.
4	☐	Photocopy of the UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Al Dhafra regions). GCC citizens: their residence within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi can be proved through the Emirates ID. If the issuing Authority is not mentioned, they can submit the following instead (theirs or their sponsor's): - Salary and employment certificate. - Tawtheeq contract or property deed with with the last three-month water and electricity bills.
5	☐	Previous Schengen, USA, or UK visa copy, if any;
6	☐	Provisional admission letter confirming the pre-enrollment released by the UNIVERSITALY portal and approved by the concerned academic institution, or enrolment letter only if pre-enrolment is not required;
7	☐	Receipt of payment of the due fees.
8	☐	Positive result in any preliminary admission test required for enrollment (e.g. IMAT);
9	☐	Proof of veracity and authenticity of the relevant diploma. Any of the following: Declaration of Value or Legalization issued by the competent Italian Embassy/Consulate (see pt. 8) or Statement of Verification released by CIMEA or Diploma Supplement; other.
10	☐	Original and copy of the final academic qualification duly legalized by Ministry of Education (KHDA), MOFA and translated in to Italian by a recognized legal translator (for a list of translators click here). Additionally, if the Diploma or the University degree was issued abroad, the same must be legalized by the competent Italian Embassy/Consulate of the Country where the document was issued, or duly Apostilled. (E.g.: A Diploma issued by an international school in Abu Dhabi following the Indian CV, must be legalized by the competent Italian Embassy/Consulate in India). A legalized translation in Italian is required.
11	☐	Proof of adequate knowledge of the language in which the course will be taught (e.g. IELTS certificate).
12	☐	Proof of sufficient means of subsistence. A minimum of € 534.41 for each month of the academic year (€ 6.947,33 per year) is required. In order to comply, the applicant must provide the following: Last 3 months bank statements of a personal or parents' account in the UAE;

		○ If not working, NOC from parents stating their commitment to financially support the student (along with a copy of passport and UAE visa of the sponsoring parent). ○ If working, salary certificate and NOC issued by local employer. Copy of signatory ID or passport is required; In addition to the bank statements, the applicant can provide the following documents: ○ Last 3 months statements of a personal or parents' international credit card; ○ Evidence of any other personal financial resources in the UAE, if any; Note: Online bank statements or copies will be accepted only with original wet-ink bank stamp. Only parents' financial support will be deemed valid.
13	☐	Proof of the availability of the financial means needed for repatriation (in addition to point 12).
14	☐	An international insurance policy covering the entire stay with <u>full and unlimited coverage for hospitalization</u> during the entire stay in Italy. Detailed table of benefit must be provided. Only individual policies will be considered, no family, group or company policies are accepted. If the University is providing a Medical Insurance, applicant must then provide a medical insurance limited to the first month. Minimum coverage of 30.000 euro, valid throughout the Schengen area, for emergency hospitalization and repatriation for medical reason, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death and repatriation of mortal remains.
15	☐	Proof of a suitable accommodation in Italy (Campus accommodation, rental agreement or a confirmed hotel booking of at least 30 days). In case of an accommodation in a private house, the owner must provide the Declaration of Hospitality Form (click here) duly signed in front of a notary public.
16	☐	Copy of a confirmed flight reservation.
17	☐	If the student is a minor, parents must appoint a custodian in Italy. In order to do so, parents must provide the following documents: • A declaration released in front of a notary public in the UAE, mentioning full details of the person to be appointed as custodian. The person must be legally resident in Italy. The declaration must be legalized by MOFA and then translated in Italian by a Legal Translator (for a list of translators click here). • A declaration of the custodian in Italy in which he clearly agrees to be appointed. The signature of the custodian must be legalized by an Authority in Italy (i.e.: Comune or Prefettura). A copy of an ID of the custodian must also be provided.

DECLARATION:

I understand that failing in submitting a complete set of ALL the above-listed documents may result in the refusal of my visa application. However, the submission of a complete file does not guarantee the issuance of the visa.

I understand that the Embassy of Italy reserves the right to request additional documents if needed to properly process the application.

I understand that the time needed to process my visa application might be extended up to 90 calendar days, and the passport will not be returned until the final decision on the visa is adopted.

I understand that an application without a complete set of documents may result in the refusal of my visa application. The submission of a complete file does not guarantee the issuance of a visa. The passport will not be returned until the final decision on the visa is adopted.

The Consulate General reserves the right to ask for a Personal Interview or any additional documents.

I also declare that I have read the information on the protection of personal data concerning the issue of visas pursuant to the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 available on the website <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it>

I also understand that if the visa is granted, within eight working days from the arrival in Italy, students must apply for the Permit of Stay ("*Permesso di soggiorno*") to the relevant Police Headquarter ("*Questura*"). The form must be filed through authorized Post Offices (*Sportello Amico*), using the relevant kit available there. Following to that, the student will receive an invitation letter with details of the appointment scheduled by the Police Headquarters. The day of the appointment 2 pictures will be required.

I, the undersigned, declare that I have read the information on the protection of personal data concerning the issuance of an entry visa in Italy and in the Schengen Area (General Data Protection Regulation/GDPR (EU) 2016/679, art.13) available on the website of the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi	Initials:
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E-mail address (capital letters)	Mobile number
Place and date	Applicant's signature (parents' signatures in case of minors)