

Health Insurance

All students are required to have a health insurance policy which is valid in Italy. The requirements for the health insurance when you apply for your visa may be different from the requirement when you apply for the *permesso di soggiorno* in Bologna! For the purpose of the *permesso di soggiorno*, the local police need evidence in Italian or English that you are covered for the full duration of the academic year.

All students will be automatically registered and billed for a U.S.-based insurance policy. Those who already have equivalent coverage will be required to follow the online waiver procedures.

Students who purchase the health insurance policy available through SAIS should be aware that they will have to pay any expenses they incur in Italy and then request reimbursement from the insurance company.

EU and EEA citizens do not need the *permesso di soggiorno*. However, prior to departure, they should make sure they are registered with the local health authorities in their home country and obtain the appropriate card or form to access health services while in Italy.

Health Services

Information about where to obtain medical services will be distributed upon your arrival.

Special Medical Conditions

If you have any serious allergies, medical conditions or illnesses, bring a note from your doctor explaining your condition and the necessary medications. You should keep this note with you at all times and deposit a copy at the Registrar's Office with authorization to release such information to a physician in case of an emergency.