



ATTENTION: FOR STUDENT VISAS

Academic Year 2022-2023

Students coming from non-EU countries will moreover need a “Student Visa” and will have to request from the Institute a:

Pre-enrolment Certificate

Students coming from non-EU countries will have to obtain from Sophia University Institute (IUS) a pre-enrolment certificate to be presented to the competent Italian diplomatic Authorities to obtain the **student visa to enter Italy**.

To this end, the student together with the documentation requested for the pre-enrolment in IUS, will have to send **the following documents** by regular mail to the Enrolment Office of the IUS, Academic Secretariat address: Istituto Universitario Sophia-Ufficio Iscrizioni, via San Vito n. 28 Loppiano, 50064 Figline e Incisa Valdarno (Florence) – Italy

(copies of the documents should be sent via e-mail to: iscrizioni.ius@sophiauniversity.org):

1) original copy of the declaration of “acceptance of responsibility” in favour of the candidate, according to one of the three types indicated as follows:

a) declaration of self-support

(to be compiled according to the sample /facsimile attachment 1):

Since IUS is approved by the Holy See, this declaration must show the “clearance” of the Ecclesiastical Authority (Bishop) of the country of origin (the Bishop’s signature must be authenticated by the Apostolic Nuncio of one’s country); in the absence of the above-mentioned authorities the statement can be authenticated by a government official, (equivalent to a public notary in Italy);

or

b) “acceptance of responsibility” issued by a priest, a private citizen or by an institution

(to be compiled according to the sample /facsimile attachment 2):

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Since IUS is approved by the Holy See, this declaration must show the “clearance” of the Ecclesiastical Authority (Bishop) of the student’s Diocese;

or

- c) **“acceptance of responsibility” issued by a religious**
(to be compiled according to the sample /facsimile attachment 3):

Since IUS is approved by the Holy See, this declaration must be authenticated by the Congregation for Consecrated Life and the Societies of Apostolic Life.

2) original copy of the Presentation letter, of the Ecclesiastical Authority (Bishop) of the candidate’s country of origin (the Bishop’s signature must be authenticated by the Apostolic Nuncio in that country); in the absence of the above-mentioned authorities the statement can be authenticated by a government official, (equivalent to a public notary in Italy);

Upon receiving the aforesaid original documentation, IUS’s *Academic Secretariat* will provide for the issuance of the pre-enrolment certificate that will be sent to the candidate via e-mail and post.

N.B.

We recommend that student candidates contact the Italian Embassy in their own country of residence in order to verify whether other documents are needed for the issuance of student visas to enter Italy, besides the pre-enrolment certificate of IUS and also other documents or specific declarations.

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