

# ***So you want to go and study in Italy...***

To enable you to pursue study options in Italy, the University recognises relevant study done overseas as part of your degree/diploma via three different programs:

- Exchange
- Study Abroad
- University of Melbourne Overseas Subjects (UMOS)

In all cases you must meet certain eligibility criteria and what you study at the overseas institution must be approved prior to departure by the relevant Italian Studies advisor or subject coordinator (for UMOs) before the credit can be awarded.

For full details on current eligibility requirements for overseas study, please visit the Melbourne Global Mobility [Eligibility requirements](#) web page.

## **What do I do once I have determined that I'm eligible?**

1. You need to decide whether you want to go on Exchange or complete a period of Study Abroad or participate in an Italian UMOs. For more information about these different options, please visit the Melbourne Global Mobility Exchange programs web page: <https://programs.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/>
2. You need to factor in the cost to see what you can afford. Here is a guide for basics (spending money would be extra):
  - Airfare and Travel \$2,000-\$4,000 (including travel within Italy/Europe)
  - Accommodation \$600-\$850 per month (depending on single/double room in shared apartment)

- Food \$200+ per week (depending on your lifestyle)
- Course costs \$250 (stationery, books, etc.) plus \$800 per month (study abroad only)
- Logistics (eg permesso di soggiorno, sim card, etc.) \$300

## Financial support

The University offers a range of scholarship opportunities for:

- **Exchange:** Please visit the Melbourne Global Mobility [Exchange Funding](#) web page.
- **Study Abroad:** Please visit the Melbourne Global Mobility [Study Abroad funding](#) web page.
- **Other sources of possible funding:** Please visit the Melbourne Global Mobility [Other funding opportunities](#) web page
- General scholarships information can be found on the [Scholarships website](#)

For funding to study in Italy, there are further possibilities including:

- Italian Government scholarships - these are advertised in March/April of each year and can support short term study and longer term exchange. In general, they consist of a monthly stipend. They are very competitive, however, and applications need to be completed in Italian. More information can be found on the [Italian government scholarships for foreign and IRE students](#) web page.
- If you are of Italian background, the regional clubs will sometimes support students to go to Italy for study - you would need to follow this up yourself

- Similarly, the Italian regions sometimes offer financial incentives to attract those of regional background to come back to study for a period - you would need to follow this up yourself

## • Exchange Up Close

- The first step to planning your Exchange is to visit the Melbourne Global Mobility [Exchange](#) web page. This is the website for Melbourne Global Mobility, who organise the exchanges, and covers everything you need to know. Then consider the following.
- **Where can I go on exchange?** Our current agreements include the following, which are broken down into general exchanges (i.e. anyone in any degree can go) and specific exchanges (with limited eligibility). Note well: unless indicated specifically all teaching is in Italian

General Exchanges	Specific Exchanges
<p>Venice - Ca' Foscari</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bologna</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Siena</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trento</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Roma – La Sapienza</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Catania (limited general: Arts)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Pisa - Scuola Normale Superiore: PhD candidates (</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Milan - La Bocconi: Commerce and Law students only (teaching in English) (</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trieste - Scuola Superiore di Lingue Moderne per Interpreti e Traduttori: School of Languages &amp; Linguistics students only (</p>

Refer to the [Melbourne Global Mobility website](#) for the most up-to-date list of partner institutions in Italy by clicking on the Partner Institutions link in the left hand menu.

## What do I do now?

Once you have decided on the institution/s that interest you, you need to begin to consider the Exchange application.

1. Visit the [Melbourne Global Mobility website](#) to find out as much information as you can about Exchange
2. Attend a compulsory information session (myWorld First Step Session) as well as any other specific information sessions that might interest you
3. Visit the website(s) of your preferred institution(s). A few tips:
  - Always use the Italian version of the website (not the English version which is notoriously out of date or incomplete)
  - In general you need to look for the details of Didattica, Offerta formativa and any details of insegnamenti (single subjects)
  - The general exchange partners have very different websites
  - You need to check the credit load equivalents table to see how many points you need and therefore how many subjects you need to do - in many cases, it won't be a straight forward situation (ie just because you need to do 4 subjects at The University of Melbourne doesn't mean you will do 4 subjects on Exchange)
  - In putting your study plan together, choose subjects in which you have some background
  - You should aim to make a list of twice as many subjects as you need because subjects get cancelled or there are timetable clashes and so you will save time later if you get extra subjects approved now

4. Please note that the assessment of the subject(s) by the discipline advisor is a recommendation for credit only. It is the Faculty that awards the credit
5. For credit on exchange for Italian, our policy is to approve:
  - i. anything which is taught and assessed entirely in Italian and
  - ii. anything in which you have prior experience
6. It is important not to attempt to study something new on exchange as this makes it more difficult. Remember you will have to get used to a whole new university system so the last thing you will need is to have to try to deal with an unfamiliar body of knowledge

Bologna	Try the <a href="#">Course Unit Catalogue</a> web page and use the search facility with keywords for subjects of interest
Siena Venice Trento	Subjects are listed by Faculty. You need to go to the Faculty pages and then try and find a link to Insegnamenti (usually up the top of the page) or Offerta formativa (near the bottom on some Trento faculty pages)

## ***Study Abroad Up Close***

You can do an intensive language course as Study Abroad, often over our summer or winter breaks, or you can do it for a semester or a year. More information can be found on the Melbourne Global Mobility [Study Abroad](#) web page. Please note, you do not need to take leave of absence to complete a one-month intensive course in Italy if it is over our summer or winter breaks.

### **Where can I go on study abroad?**

You can go anywhere in Italy to complete a period of intensive language study. This is particularly useful for those who may want to be near family or friends in Italy. If you do not have any preferences, however, the Italian Study Abroad advisor can assist.

### **What's the process?**

1. You need to establish whether you are eligible for Study Abroad credit (see above)
2. You need to decide when you plan to study (the semester breaks offer perfect opportunities)
3. To be eligible for 12.5 points credit you need to complete at least a 3/4-week intensive course with a minimum of 60 hours of instruction
4. Once you've decided where you want to go you need to email the Italian Studies advisor (email: [mabsalom@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mabsalom@unimelb.edu.au)) with complete details of your plans
5. If you have a school or institute already in mind we will look at the possibility of any scholarships or fee relief. Otherwise, the advisor will provide some options

6. You will then need to apply through Global Mobility for study abroad and complete any enrolment procedures required by your school or institute in Italy
7. Note that we only recommend up to 25 points of study abroad credit no matter how many months of intensive study you complete (ie anything above 2 months of intensive course study will be capped at 25 points)
8. If you are going to be away during the semester (that is, not just for the summer or winter breaks) it is likely that you will need to apply for leave of absence with your Faculty before you leave Australia

## ***University of Melbourne Overseas Subjects (UMOS)***

The Italian Studies Program currently offers the following UMOS:

- Contemporary Italy Study Abroad (ITAL20004 and ITAL30005)
- Exploring Foodscapes: Italy and Spain (EURO20008 and EURO30007)
- Languages of Venice (ITAL20006 and ITAL30012)

For up-to-date information please see the [University handbook](#).

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