

POST ARRIVAL: **Bureaucratic Procedures**

DISCLAIMER: The University is not responsible for ensuring the absolute veracity of this document. Rather, it is the student's responsibility to verify the information provided directly with the relevant authorities.

While we are happy to assist you in this process, it is your responsibility to ensure that your permit of stay (*permesso di soggiorno – PdS*) card is issued successfully, by completing all steps of the process in a timely fashion, presenting yourself on time at your scheduled appointments, and by submitting missing documentation promptly, if necessary.

Be aware that, due to the ongoing health emergency, many offices may require you to email or call in advance and schedule an appointment. So, plan accordingly.

LOCATIONS TO MAKE PHOTOCOPIES IN BRA:

- Business Space (Via Principi di Piemonte, 17, 12042 Bra)
- Centro Copie Braidese (Via Guala Ernesto 4, 12042 Bra)
- Ferrera Claudio (Corso Garibaldi 12, 12042 Bra)
- Mailboxes Etc. (Via Adua, 4/A, 12042 Bra)

We suggest making double copies of all your documents, as officials may unexpectedly request more than one.

(1) *All non-Italian students:* REQUEST A “*CODICE FISCALE*”

IMPORTANT: the 16-digit alphanumeric fiscal code or *codice fiscale* is the first step in establishing a long-term legal status in Italy. The University's academic portal generates this code automatically as part of the online registration and pre-enrollment process, as it is based on set biographical information (i.e., first and last name, sex, place and date of birth). Therefore, you can check the personal information section of your personal portal to know what this code will be, once it is officially linked to you. That said, it is only officially assigned or “attributed” to you by the Italian Revenue Agency or *Agenzia delle Entrate*.

Non-Italian students can (and should) request the official “*attribuzione*” of their fiscal code once they have obtained their admission letter and (in the case of non-EU students) their study visa.

The Alba/Bra office of the Italian Revenue Agency indicates that **non-EU students can request the attribution of their fiscal codes through the Italian consulate as part of the process of requesting and obtaining their study visas, and therefore should endeavour to do so**, as it is essential in obtaining a SIM card, opening a bank account and signing an apartment contract, among other important procedures.

Furthermore, the Alba/Bra office of the Italian Revenue Agency indicates that they will only attribute fiscal codes to non-EU students with entry stamps in their passports (which they receive upon their arrival in Italy), along with study visas whose validity start date has already passed. So, those non-EU students arriving in Italy prior to their study visas being valid who have not obtained their fiscal codes through the consulate will find it difficult to obtain SIM cards, sign apartment leases, and open bank accounts.

All that said, find below the process for obtaining the attribution of your fiscal code through the Alba/Bra Office of the Italian Revenue Agency **in person or via email:**

Obtaining your fiscal code in person:

The *Agenzia delle Entrate* in Bra may be visited **in person, by appointment, on Thursdays only**, and is located in Via Barbacana 6. Find [here the link](#) to book a date, time and location.

Simply fill out [the AA4/8 form](#) ([here](#) is a version in English, along with instructions for completing it).

When filling out the AA4/8 form:

- **all information presented on your *codice fiscale* must correspond exactly to your legal name as indicated on your passport** (e.g.: first, second and last name(s), date and place of birth). We ask that you double-check that this information is correct before sending it to the Registrar Office to be archived. Otherwise, you will be asked to have it corrected;
- **in “*Quadro C/Part B*”, indicate your Italian address, in-full**. We encourage students who do not yet have a long-term Italian living address to indicate the UNISG Registrar Office (Via Amedeo di Savoia, 8 12042 Pollenzo, Bra (CN)) as their mailing address;
- **in “*Quadro D/Part C*”, indicate your non-Italian address, in-full;**
- **Be sure to sign the form in the section “*Sottoscrizione/Signatures*”, above the word “FIRMA/SIGNATURE”. A digital or handwritten signature is fine, provided your name is signed and not printed.**

Once completed and signed, **bring a copy of the form with you to your in-person appointment**, or alternatively you should also be able to fill out the form there. You will be issued the official attribution of your fiscal code on the spot.

Should you instead prefer to request your fiscal code via email (which may take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks), send a copy of the form, together with the photo page of your passport, and a photo of your study visa (non-EU students) or a copy of your admission letter (EU students), to: dp.cuneo.italba@agenziaentrate.it to the attention of Enrica Zunino.

(2) *EU/EEA students only*: REGISTER AS PART OF THE TEMPORARY POPULATION OF BRA

All EU students living in Bra or Pollenzo must inform the Hall of Records (*Ufficio Anagrafe*, located in via Barbacana 6) that they live in Bra **within 3 months of their arrival in Bra** by registering as part of the “temporary population” of Bra or *popolazione temporanea* at city hall, either by completing the online process [here](#) (digital SPID login required), or by going to the Hall of Records in person.

You will find the documentation to complete on the International Student Start Point page of the University’s website.

You will need to provide them with photocopies of the photo page of your passport, *codice fiscale*, and your certificate of enrollment, the last of which may be picked up at the Registrar Office, or have sent to you via email. The Hall of Records is open from 8.45 A.M. to 12.45 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8.45 A.M. until 4 P.M. Thursday. **The best time to go is Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, as you do not need an appointment on these days.**

Be aware that students may only be registered as part of the temporary population of Bra for a maximum of 12 months. After which, they must become full-time residents.

IMPORTANT: Temporary population registrations may continue to be accepted exclusively via email. To this end, send your request to the *Ufficio Anagrafe* at anagrafe@comune.bra.cn.it with

photocopies of the aforementioned documents in attachment, together with the **Temporary Population Registration Form** found [here](#) on the International Student Start Point online **together with a version with comments**.

*Italian citizen students with legal residence outside Italy and therefore enrolled in the List of Italians Residing Abroad (A.I.R.E), may register as part of the temporary population of Bra for the duration of their studies. That said, they are ineligible for the National Health Service unless they de-register from A.I.R.E and become full legal residents of Italy. For more information, see point (3.c.) of the "Student Health" document found [here](#) online: <https://www.unisg.it/en/services/international-student-start-point/>

EU/EEA students are now done with their bureaucratic procedures; they do not have to apply for a permit of stay (Step 3).

(3) ***For non-EU/EEK students only: APPLY FOR YOUR PERMIT OF STAY***

IMPORTANT: US citizens studying in Italy but staying for fewer than 150 days are exempt from obtaining a permit of stay.

NOTE: We strongly suggest you **purchase an Italian SIM card upon your arrival** in Bra as you will need to provide a valid Italian contact number for updates regarding your permit of stay application **which must be mailed off within 8 working days of your arrival in Italy**. Do note, however, that you will need to have a fiscal code or *codice fiscale* and either an Italian ID or international passport in order to obtain a SIM.

Within 48 hours of your arrival in Italy you will need to begin obtaining the following documents in order to apply for your permit of stay, a document issued by the Immigration Authority or *Questura* which allows you to legally reside in Italy for the duration of your studies. Note that **you must mail off your permit of stay application within 8 working days of your arrival in Italy**.

(3.a.) ***OBTAIN YOUR DICHIARAZIONE DI OSPITALITÀ***

The Declaration of Hospitality or *Dichiarazione di Ospitalità* (DdO) is a document that must be requested from the person hosting you **during the first 48 hours of your arrival in Italy** (e.g.: your hotel, B&B, landlord, or informal couchsurfing / student host). For more information, including a printable DdO form for the city of Bra, please see [this](#) link.

Important Note for Bra: As of July 1st, 2026, your host must book an appointment exclusively online through the Municipality of Bra website [here](#) under the Polizia Locale section. Access to the local police desk without an online reservation is strictly prohibited. We suggest your host book the appointment online and bring 2 completed DdO forms, **together with 2 copies of your host's *Carta d'Identità* or passport (and not any other form of ID) to the *Polizia Municipale*, located in [Via Moffa di Lisio, 24](#)** (Opening hours: Mon. through Fri. from 8.15 to 12.15), **to have stamped, as they will keep one copy for their records. Be aware that the DdO must be stamped by the police before it can be utilized as an official document.** Your host does not have to be the apartment owner. That said, if your host is not an EU citizen, you will need to obtain a copy of his or her permit of stay card.

In the event your host refuses to obtain the DdO on your behalf, you may try booking the online appointment yourself and presenting all the aforementioned documentation at the police desk. Should this fail, and you have a registered apartment lease contract, simply include a copy of the registered contract in your permit of stay kit and omit the DdO entirely.



All hotels and B&B's in Bra have been reminded of the law surrounding the DdO. However, should you encounter resistance to the aforementioned procedure, please feel free to reference the following text in Italian (which has been sent out to hotels in Bra):

Gentili Hotelier, Proprietari di Alloggio o Persona che Ospita,

innanzitutto grazie da parte di UNISG per accogliere i nostri studenti nelle vostre strutture. A seguito di segnalazione dalla Questura, vorremo informarvi circa l'importanza della Dichiarazione di Ospitalità, quale documento obbligatorio da produrre in caso uno studente straniero soggiorni presso di voi. Vi invitiamo pertanto a leggere attentamente le indicazioni che seguono.

È obbligatorio ai fini della legge di compilare e presentare la Dichiarazione di Ospitalità per qualsiasi soggetto si voglia ospitare nella propria struttura alla Polizia Municipale di Bra entro le 48 ore dall'arrivo. Per gli hotelier è importante prendere atto che per i soggetti

internazionali non è sufficiente comunicare il loro arrivo alla Questura di Cuneo, ma, essendo l'autorità locale di Bra il sindaco, è necessario anche presentare la Dichiarazione di Ospitalità alla Polizia Municipale di Bra. Rispettare questa legge D.lgs. n. 286/98 L'art. 7, è molto importante soprattutto per i nostri studenti non-Europei che devono richiedere il permesso di soggiorno per motivi di studio. La Dichiarazione di Ospitalità va presentata, firmata e timbrata alla polizia municipale di Bra entro e non oltre i 48 ore dell'arrivo dello studente internazionale in Italia. Una copia della Dichiarazione di Ospitalità firmata e timbrata dalla polizia municipale deve essere consegnata allo studente, praticamente in tempo reale, perché lo deve includere nella sua pratica della richiesta del permesso di soggiorno per studio.

In caso di non ottemperanza il rischio di sanzioni può riguardare sia il proprietario di casa sia lo studente ospitato.

Maggiori informazioni e il modulo da compilare al seguente link: <https://www.comune.bra.cn.it/it/page/dichiarazione-di-ospitalita>

Ricordiamo che il semplice modulo compilato non è sufficiente, ma deve essere presentato, firmato e timbrato presso la polizia municipale entro le 48 ore.

Resto a disposizione per ulteriori domande o chiarimenti al riguardo.

Best regards / Cordiali saluti,

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(3.b.) **PREPARE YOUR PERMIT OF STAY KIT***

***Permit of stay kits may be obtained (for free) at the *Poste Italiane*. It is advisable to get one as early as possible, as they sometimes run out. See permit of stay bullet point below for kit pickup locations.**

Permit of Stay Kit Checklist:

- A photocopy of all pages of your passport (cover page, photo page and all subsequent pages, both stamped and blank) **If possible, please prepare this prior to departure;**
- A photocopy of your *codice fiscale*;
- Proof of housing:
 - (a) “*contratto di locazione*” or lease agreement in Bra valid for the whole duration of the extended residence period, or;
 - (b) *Dichiarazione di Ospitalità* together with photocopy of host's *Carta d'Identità* or passport (and no other form of ID) (note: if your host is not an EU citizen, you will need to also include a photocopy of your host's permit of stay);
- Admission letter, preferably the one stamped and signed by the consulate, although a copy of the digital version you received from the Registrar Office via email is also sufficient;
- Enrollment letter containing proof of health insurance prepared by the Registrar Office; **come by our office before your appointment to pick it up, or have it sent to you via email;**
- Proof of economic self-sufficiency:
 - (a) proof of scholarship status and, for living expenses, a Registrar document or bank statement indicating some means of financial support (any value, any currency), your last name, and a recent date (within the last month), or;
 - (b) bank statement indicating means of financial support (any value, any currency), your last name, and a recent date (within the last month) for study and living expenses;
- €16 tax stamp or *marca da bollo* - purchased in most tobacco shops (*tabaccheria*) displaying a large blue "I" above its entrance. Tax stickers may not be purchased at the post office;
- Permit of stay kit (You can pick one up for free at the central post office in Bra in Piazza Carlo Alberto 28, the secondary one in Via Adua 6/A, or the Pollenzo post office in Via Regina Margherita 50. Find their opening times [here](#). The central post office is open until 7.05 P.M. on weekdays.

IMPORTANT: The envelope of the PdS kit and its contents must match. Do not switch the envelope for a new one if damaged; if need be, obtain a new kit altogether.

For those who are filling out the kit themselves (recommended), the following elements must be filled out prior to mailing:

1. “Mod. 209 Modulo 1”. Please see the document entitled “**TEMPLATE PdS Kit FIRST TIME ISSUE**” [here](https://www.unisg.it/en/services/international-student-start-point/) (https://www.unisg.it/en/services/international-student-start-point/) on the International Student Start Point page of our website for indications on completing the form;
2. Mailing slip with “**CONTI CORRENTI POSTALI – Ricevuta di accredito**” written in the red band at the top;
3. The envelope itself.

Once completed, insert the “Mod. 209 Modulo 1” together with the mailing slip in the envelope, together with copies (no originals) of all the aforementioned supporting documentation.

Any other papers found in the kit not among those indicated above, such as “Mod. 209 Modulo 2” or those containing the general instructions and country codes, should be removed from the envelope and discarded prior to mailing.

(3.c.) MAIL YOUR PERMIT OF STAY APPLICATION AT THE CENTRAL POST OFFICE in Piazza Carlo Alberto, 28 in Bra. You will need to provide the following:

- o €102,26 paid in cash or by card;
- o your passport (to verify your identity);
- o a return mailing address (your long-term apartment address if you already have one, or Via Amedeo di Savoia 8, 12042 Pollenzo, Bra CN);
- o Italian mobile contact number.

IMPORTANT: Please remember that you will be automatically scheduled a fingerprinting appointment in Bra approx. 3 months following the moment of mailing your PdS kit. Therefore, plan on being physically present in Bra during that period.

You will receive a confirmation slip for your follow up fingerprinting appointment along with the mailing receipt or *ricevuta*. Please bring these to our office so that we may scan them for our records.

Please note that the *ricevuta* confirms you are in line with Italian law and therefore should be kept on you at all times. The receipt allows you to keep track of the status of your application through the User ID and password indicated on it either by consulting [Poste Italiane's permit of stay tracking site](#) or with the filing number or *numero assicurata* by checking the Immigration Authority or [Questura tracking site](#).

IMPORTANT: As soon as you have your permit of stay postal receipt, make sure you have it photocopied or scanned by the Registrar Office.

(3.d.) ATTEND THE ITALIAN CIVICS CLASS

This civics class is a required component of your permit of stay application. The date and time for this class will be announced during your orientation day. You must attend this class in order for your permit of stay to be successfully processed.

Important: for those students who, for whatever reason, cannot be present in Pollenzo for the civics class, the video presentation will be made available to you online.

(3.e.) GO TO YOUR FINGERPRINTING APPOINTMENT

Before your permit of stay can be issued, you must present yourself at the Immigration Authority or *Questura* in via Guala 2 to have your fingerprints taken. The date and time of your fingerprinting appointment can be found on your postal receipt. **Be aware that you must arrive at the start of the hour in which your appointment takes place (e.g., 10 A.M. for a 10.47 A.M. appointment) in order to be let in to the building.** Bring the following documents with you:

Essential:

- o Passport;
- o Postal receipt or *ricevuta*;
- o 4 identical colour passport photos (these can be taken at the photo booth in the lobby of the Bra train station);
- o Fiscal code or *codice fiscale*;
- o *Dichiarazione di Ospitalità* for your long-term apartment;
- o Photocopy of your host's *Carta d'identità* or *passport* (and no other form of ID) for your long-term apartment;
- o Original copy of your apartment contract, or a Declaration of Hospitality, and a photocopy of said



document. **Be advised:** if your apartment contract or Declaration of Hospitality has expired or is no longer valid, you will need to provide a new one.

Suggested:

- A copy of your lease agreement or *contratto di locazione* **for your long-term apartment;**
- Any other documents you may have been missing from your application at the time you mailed off your original permit of stay application.

(3.f.) PICK UP YOUR PERMIT OF STAY

When your Permit of Stay is ready, you will receive a text message at the number you indicated when applying for your permit of stay (e.g. your Italian cell phone). Usually the message comes in two parts and starts with "Long1/2..." and a second one starting with "Long 2/2...". Read it carefully as it contains your appointment date and time for picking up your Permit of Stay. Alternatively, you can also verify the state of your permit either by consulting [Poste Italiane's permit of stay tracking site](#) or by checking the [Immigration Authority's permit of stay tracking site](#). Once indicated as ready, go to the Immigration Authority or *Questura* in Via Guala, 2 in Bra (unless otherwise specified on the text message or website) from **12 noon to 1 P.M., Monday through Friday** to pick it up. You do not need an appointment. Be sure to **bring your passport and original postal receipt with you.**

Be aware that you must arrive at the start of the hour (i.e., 9.00 – 9.05; 10.00 – 10.05; 11.00 – 11.05) in order to be let into the building.

Be advised that your PdS may only be available for pick up beginning several days following the date indicated in the Questura's SMS message, as the SMS date sometimes refers to when the PdS is being transferred from Cuneo to Bra.

Double-check that your personal details (e.g.: first, second and last name) are correct on your PdS card. If not, tell immigration staff immediately. Otherwise, you will have to request a new PdS permit in order to have the information corrected.

Remember to either stop by our office to have your permit of stay scanned or send us a high-quality photo of both the front and back side of your card.

Be strongly advised: You can expect your PdS card to be issued in roughly 5 months' time from the moment of mailing, provided all your documentation is in order and there are no unexpected delays. By law, the *Questura* has at least 90 days to process and issue your PdS.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE WISHING TO OBTAIN ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP IN THE LONG-TERM:

Citizenship eligibility is based on the amount of time you have been an Italian resident rather than a permit of stay holder. Therefore, should you wish to become an Italian citizen, you should apply for residency immediately at the Bra Hall of Records. For more information, please consult Step 2 of the "Extending your Stay in Italy" document on the [International Student Start Point](#) page of the website.

SPECIAL CASES:

Students Requesting Official Recognition of their Italian Citizenship

While the official procedure indicates that, those requesting official recognition of Italian citizenship do not need to obtain a visa and can apply for a permit of stay “*in attesa cittadinanza*” or “awaiting citizenship”, **we instead suggest that students apply and obtain a study visa prior to their arrival and then, upon their arrival in Italy, obtain a permit of stay “for study”**, as this type of permit is issued quite quickly, and will allow you to complete the next step of the process, that is, request residency in Bra, straight away. The Bra citizenship office has 6 months to return a decision, and with the permit of stay for study in-hand, you will have a legal status as you await their official response.

For more information on establishing residency, please consult Step 2 of the “Extending Your Stay in Italy” document on the [International Student Start Point](#) page of our website.

Permit of Stay for FAMILY COHESION or “COESIONE FAMILIARE”

NOTE: to be eligible to apply, family member applicants must obtain a visa specifically for “Family Cohesion / Coesione familiare” in their passport prior to their arrival in Italy.

Non-EU spouses or children of UNISG students can request legal status in Italy by requesting a permit of stay “*per coesione familiare*” or “family cohesion”. The process is as follows:

- (1) The student’s marriage certificate must be legalized and translated into Italian;
- (2) Prepare official bank documentation indicating that you and your spouse have liquid assets totaling no less than €11,500;
- (3) Have your spouse obtain a “following family member” visa. If it is not granted, spouses from visa waiver countries can still join their spouses in Italy without it by entering the EU as tourists and apply for their permit of stay thereafter. However, they will only be able to obtain temporary long-term legal status, which could be extended until the end of their spouse’s study period, provided they are able to postpone their fingerprinting appointment until graduation (at the immigration office’s discretion). Spouses that require visas to travel to the EU, even as tourists, cannot;
- (4) Arrive in Bra together with your spouse;
- (5) Request full-time residency in Bra. See step 2 of the “Extending your Stay in Italy” document [here](#) on the “International Student Start Point” page of our website for further information;
- (6) Once you have obtained residency, request a “*certificato di idoneità abitativa*” from the Social Services Office “*Ufficio Servizi Sociali*” in Bra, which is a document certifying that your housing is adequate for you and your spouse to live in;
- (7) Have your spouse follow the steps described in this document pertaining to the permit of stay process. You will be the “host” for the *dichiarazione di ospitalità*. Rather than for study, spouses will indicate that they are applying for a “*coesione familiare*” permit of stay; instead of the admission and enrollment documentation, spouses will include photocopies of their “*certificato di idoneità abitativa*” in the permit of stay kit, together with the translated and authenticated marriage certificate, and bank statements;
- (8) With the postal receipt “*ricevuta postale*”, spouses are immediately eligible for the Italian National Health Service. They can expect to receive their permit of stay cards, which have a validity of 5 years, around 3-5 months thereafter.

NOTE: Children under 14 years of age do not have to apply for their own permits of stay. Rather, they should be included in the permit of stay application for one of their parents.

Permit of Stay for ELECTIVE RESIDENCE or “RESIDENZA ELETTIVA”

NOTE: to be eligible to apply, applicants must have a visa specifically for “Elective Residence / Residenza Elettiva” in their passport prior to their arrival in Italy. Permit of stay for elective residence cardholders may only be employed by non-Italian employers.

All non-EU citizens who are able to live in Italy self-sufficiently, defined by the immigration authorities as possessing economic means for an amount equal to at least €36.000 annually, which can be in the form of income (e.g., work contract, pension), funds (e.g., cash), or other assets (e.g., property, stocks) may request a visa for “Elective Residence / Residenza Elettiva. That said, the ultimate determination of whether economic means are “sufficient” is ultimately at the discretion of the Italian consulate.

Eligible applicants should follow the process of applying for a visa and permit of stay for “family cohesion / coesione familiare” as described above, but will not need someone to “host” them by providing them with a *dichiarazione di ospitalità*, nor should they need to obtain a “*certificato di idoneità abitativa*”.

Enrolling Children in School in Bra

Preschool (“*asilo nido*”): UNISG students with **children between 1 ½ and 5 years of age** can have them enrolled in preschool, which must be paid out-of-pocket, in Bra. Please find [here](#) the enrollment form, which should be completed, signed and sent to asilonido@comune.bra.cn.it (ref. Chiara (+39) 0172.412062; she speaks English). You will need to provide them with a passport, vaccination certificate and Italian fiscal code (“*codice fiscale*”) for yourself as well as your child.

As spaces are limited, students should request placement for their children as soon as they are admitted, so that they can be added to the waiting list immediately. Upon establishing residence in Bra, let Chiara and her colleagues know, as your child will thereafter obtain priority enrollment status and will move from the “non-resident” to “resident” waiting list.

That said, should you not obtain a spot for your child at one of the public preschools, there are a number of private preschool options available in Bra, which you can find [here](#). Reach out to them in advance to get a sense of availability.

Grade School (“*scuola primaria e secondaria*”): Students with **children 6 years of age or older** can have them enrolled in grade school in Bra, for free. Please write to *Istituto Comprensivo Bra 2* (segreteria@istitutocomprensivobra2.edu.it – ref. Adriana) to request the official enrollment form. You will need to provide them with a passport, vaccination certificate and Italian fiscal code (“*codice fiscale*”) for yourself as well as your child.

As spaces are limited, students should request placement for their children as soon as they are admitted.

Pet Registration

Registration is mandatory for dogs purchased in Italy. Both dogs and cats must be registered in order for owners to request special documentation, such as a certificate of good health for travel abroad.

Should a pet be lost or run away, registration provides authorities with an additional tool in identifying and locating them.

The pet registration office can be contacted directly by writing either to veterinario.bra@aslcn2.it or animalidacompagnia@aslcn2.it or by calling 0172 420 293. Their office is open from Monday through Friday from 8.30 A.M. until 12.30 P.M. and is located in Viale Industria 4 in Bra. More information can be found [here](http://www.aslcn2.it/prevenzione/sportello-animale-daffezione/) online: <http://www.aslcn2.it/prevenzione/sportello-animale-daffezione/>

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