

## University of Siena - Categories of International Students and Visa Requirements for Enrollment in Degree Programs

For admission purposes to the degree programs at the University of Siena, students will be classified as summarized in the table below.

Case N.	Description	Admission category	Need of a study visa
1	Individuals that hold citizenship from one of the European Union countries (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Hungary)	EU citizens	No
2	Individuals that hold citizenship from one of the following countries: Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Holy See and the Republic of San Marino	EU-equated citizens	No
3	Individuals that have dual citizenship, one of which is from any of the above countries.	EU citizens or EU-equated citizens	No
4	Non-EU nationals who hold an <b>EU <u>long-term</u> residence permit</b> .	EU-equated citizens	No
5	Non-EU nationals with an <b>Italian residence permit</b> for employment (both salaried and self-employed), family reasons, asylum, subsidiary protection, religious reasons, and those covered under Arts. 18, 18-bis, 20-bis, 22, par. 12-quater, and 42-bis of Legislative Decree No. 286/1998, as well as holders of a residence permit issued under Art. 32, par. 3 of Legislative Decree No. 25/2008.	EU-equated citizens	No
6	Non-EU nationals <b>who have been legally residing in Italy for at least one year</b> and have obtained <b>a high school diploma in Italy</b> .	EU-equated citizens	No
7	Non-EU nationals, regardless of where they reside, who possess final diplomas from Italian schools abroad or from foreign or international schools operating in Italy or abroad, subject to bilateral agreements or special regulations for the recognition of educational qualifications, and who meet the general conditions required for entry for study purposes.	EU-equated citizens	Yes if residing abroad.
8	Non-EU nationals holding an <b>Italian residence permit for study purposes</b> , who arrived in Italy to enroll in an Italian university	Non-EU citizens	<b><u>To be verified</u></b> (see comments below)
9	Non-EU nationals holding an <b>Italian residence permit for study purposes</b> , who came to Italy as part of an international student mobility program.	Non-EU citizens	Yes
10	Non-EU nationals with an <b>EU <u>short-term</u> residence permit of any kind</b>	Non-EU citizens	Yes
11	Non-EU individuals not residing in Italy	Non-EU citizens	Yes

## COMMENTS

Non-EU nationals holding an Italian residence permit for study purposes, who entered Italy to enroll in an Italian university, are exempt from the requirement to obtain a new visa **only if both of the following conditions are met**:

1. **The requirements for the renewal of the residence permit for study purposes are fulfilled** — for example, the student has passed at least one exam after having received the residence permit for the first time.
2. **The continuation of their academic studies can be clearly demonstrated**, specifically in the following cases:
  - The student is currently enrolled in an Italian university program and intends to transfer to a new program at the University of Siena. It is essential that the student does **not** formally withdraw from their studies at the university of origin **before** the transfer is completed; otherwise, the residence permit will immediately become invalid.
  - The student has successfully passed the assessment for at least one individual university course. If the student intends to enroll in a second-cycle degree program (e.g., a Master's degree), the individual course must be consistent with the academic focus of the intended program.
  - The student has successfully completed a pre-academic program (Foundation Year) recognized in Italy.
  - The student has obtained the academic qualification required for admission to the new degree program at the University of Siena.

In all other cases, **the University of Siena will not allow enrollment in a degree program without a new visa**.

**NOTICE:** Non-EU students holding a residence permit for study purposes **are not considered EU-equated citizens**. However, depending on their specific status (as outlined above), they may not be required to obtain a new visa in order to continue their studies.