



Living in Florence Student Expenses

Students' living expenses can vary greatly depending on spending habits. This breakdown intends to give future students some guidelines so they can plan their budgeting accordingly while studying abroad.

ESSENTIAL EXPENSES

TRAVEL TO FUA/TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- International airfare to reach FUA from your home country: **1,100-1,500€**
- Passport/Visa fees: **200€** approximately
- Permit to stay registration fee: **155€** for the processing upon arrival + **5€** approximately for passport photos to be taken later on in the semester (*Only for semester students staying in Italy more than 90 days*)

SCHOOL EXPENSES

- School supplies: paper, pens, pencils, notebooks (prices range between **a few euro cents** and **a few euros** per item)
- Course fees: depends on which classes students are enrolled in

HOME EXPENSES

- Set of towels: Prices of towels range between **25€** to **50€** for a wash cloth+hand towel+bath towel set.
- Bathrobes: approx. **30€**
- Cleaning Supplies / Toiletries: Students are responsible for purchasing their own house cleaning supplies and toiletries such as all-purpose cleaners, floor cleaners, laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, bath wash, etc. Expenses can be shared amongst roommates.

FOOD/MEALS

- Meal plan only covers a certain amount of meals depending on the program enrolled in. Italian Family Homestays cover only one main meal per day.
- Meals at a local restaurants/cafe: this option is more costly. Prices range from around **5-10€** for a quick meal.
- Cooking with fresh ingredients at home. This is the less expensive option. Monthly price for 3 meals a day 7 days a week around **150€**. Please contact the SLD department for a list of supermarkets/fresh open-air markets.

MEDICAL EXPENSES

- International health insurance (mandatory to obtain VISA/Permit): prices vary
- Dr. visits, prescriptions, emergency procedures: though all students must have international medical insurance plans, it is up to the policy holder to check what is included in their plan.

CELL PHONE EXPENSES

- In case students would like to purchase a Data Plan on an Italian or international sim card (outside of apartment / campus wi-fi which is included for all students)
- Italian Sim for Cellular Phone Prepaid fares for calls

- in Italy are very cheap (Providers include TIM, WIND, VODAFONE, TRE)
- International plan: prices depend on mobile provider

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

TRANSPORTATION

- Bus / local city transportation (even though Florence's entire center is walkable and all FUA apartments are located within walking distance from school / 20 minutes max): If you prefer to take the bus to local destinations a 90 minute ticket costs **1.30€**
- Bike and a good lock: If you wish to purchase a bike the price is around **40€** for a used one and **120€** for a brand new one. Important: keep in mind it is important to buy a very a good lock (**30€** up) to lock the bike to bike-racks to decrease risk of theft.

PERSONAL CARE / APPAREL

- Clothing (seasonal): Students may pack light for travel and buy clothing items upon arrival and the changing of seasons
- Lotions, toiletries, cosmetics, makeup: Costs vary
- Hairdresser/cut and dry: **45-70€**

HOUSING DAMAGES/HOUSEWARES

(for items not included in provided housing items)

- Students need to be aware they are responsible for damages upon leaving Florence. Also, there may be extra housewares students choose to buy such as decorative items that FUA does not provide. Electric adaptors are not included in apartments.

UNEXPECTED PERSONAL ITEM DAMAGES/REPLACEMENTS

- If a student's computer, cellphone, camera, etc breaks while abroad, this may incur repair charges (Check if devices have international insurance).

CUSTOMS FEES

- Italy has very strict custom policies and students may incur charges on items being sent from home, such as electronics, any expensive items, some toiletries or food. FUA has no jurisdiction over custom fees and regulations.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- Dinner out with friends: **15-30€** conservatively
 - Cinema: **10€**
 - Museums and Exhibits: **5-15€**
- *Please note that this estimate does not include costs for weekend travels outside of Florence, gifts or souvenirs.*