

Guide to the *Prato* *Centre*



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Introduction

Welcome to the Monash University Prato Centre

This guide aims to help you settle in quickly to study and life in Prato. Inside we have included a description of the facilities available at the Centre as well as practical information about the city of Prato. There are also some ideas on what to do in your spare time, both in Prato and the surrounding areas.

This guide is regularly updated. If you have any comments about the contents or you discover new places that you want to share with others please let us know.

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Monash University Prato Centre

History of Palazzo Vaj

The Monash University Prato Centre occupies the ground and first floors of an 18th century palazzo, called *Palazzo Vaj*, after the Vaj family who were the original owners. Parts of the building are believed to be much older – sections of walls on the ground floor are thought to date back to the medieval period and 15th century frescoes were discovered on one of the outer walls of the palazzo. The present owners, *L'Arte della Lana* or 'Wool Guild', purchased the building from the Vaj family in the 1920's. Between 1875 and 1999, the first floor of the building was home to a prestigious club of local businessmen. The club was primarily a cultural and gaming venue and much of the centre's interior architecture and fittings still reflect this purpose. The main fit-out was executed in the 1950's by the famous Italian architect, Italo Gamberini, and because of this, the first floor and its fittings are preserved under the Italian equivalent of the Heritage Commission.

Contact details

Location and postal address

Monash University Prato Centre
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Via Pugliesi 26
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General enquiries

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Opening hours

Monday to Friday 9am–5.30pm

Our staff

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Dr Cecilia Hewlett returns to Prato after having been involved from the earliest days of the Prato Centre, playing a key role alongside Professor Bill Kent in the Centre's establishment. She is a Renaissance historian, who has published on the themes of community identity and the relationship between urban and rural communities. Most recently she has been a research fellow of Villa I Tatti, the Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies. Prior to this she served at Monash as Director of the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education). She holds a BSc/BA (Hons) and a PhD in History from Monash University.

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Cathy Crupi is the manager of the Centre. She graduated with a Commerce (Hons) degree from Monash University. Cathy has worked at the Monash University Prato Centre since November 2004 in the area of administration, and from December 2008 to June 2010 she was the assistant to the director of the Monash University Accident Research Centre Europe based in Prato. Cathy gained experience in state education policy and research development in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development of the Victorian Government prior to returning to Prato in 2008.

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Loredana D'Elia is the key contact point for all Academic Programs at the Monash Prato Centre, especially those with a local engagement focus. Before working for Monash University, Loredana worked in Bologna as Housing and Exchange Coordinator for a US university program and then as a freelance translator. Loredana D'Elia graduated in Translation Studies from the Advanced School of Modern Languages for Interpreters and Translators in Forlì (University of Bologna), specialising in English and French.

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Mariagiulia is the first point of contact for all students and related enquiries. Mariagiulia also coordinates community engagement initiatives such as Conversation Exchange. Born and bred in Prato, Mariagiulia graduated from the University of Florence in Foreign Languages and Literature. She is currently completing a post-graduate degree in Translation Studies. Study and work commitments aside, Mariagiulia has a passion for the performing arts and participates in contemporary dance and theatre performances both locally and around the country.

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Originally from England, Sarah moved to Italy in 1982 to finish her studies, gaining a diploma with honours in Art, Design and Fashion. While working in Rome as a freelance designer, Sarah was offered the chance to work as an Airport Ground Hostess for a leading English Tour Operator which led to her becoming their Manager and Chief Accountant. After relocating to Prato and before joining Monash University, Sarah committed herself to volunteer work, creating 'Progetto Boomerang' a non-profit association dedicated to providing minor leisure facilities for the town. In addition to working in Reception, Sarah has a key role in coordinating many of the Centre's events, especially major conferences.

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Narelle McAuliffe works as a research officer assisting the Director to develop the research initiatives of the Centre. Prior to joining Monash University, Narelle worked as a research assistant on the 'Italian Lives' project at the University of Western Australia (UWA) especially in the development of an educational resource kit. She has also worked as a teacher of Italian in the Australian school and university sectors, and as a teacher of English in Italy. Narelle holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), a Graduate Diploma in Education and a Master of Arts by research in Italian Linguistics (UWA).

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Leonardo Piovesan is responsible for Administration (including finances and events coordination) and provides IT assistance to the visitors of the Centre. With a diploma in Accounting and Foreign Commerce, Leonardo came to Monash Prato Centre with over 10 years experience in accounting and managing international clients, gained mostly in the Prato textile industry and also in the advanced tertiary sector.

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Leonardo Tinti manages all IT-related matters at the Centre, from audio-visual, to pc software and hardware trouble-shooting, to server management. Leonardo has worked for several years as a Network and Systems Administrator for the major high schools in Prato and local companies. He is a qualified Network Administrator through the Region of Tuscany and he has also obtained Cisco certification. He has taught in the areas of IT, Autocad and IT security, as well as for ECDL courses.

Francesca Vivarelli | Receptionist and Accommodation Officer
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Francesca Vivarelli works in Reception and specialises in providing accommodation assistance to users of the Centre, in particular students, Centre apartment guests. She also liaises closely with the various hotels and residences in Prato. Prior to Monash, Francesca's employment background was in the Travel & Tourism industry in Australia, working for Ansett Australia Airlines. After moving to Italy, Francesca continued her experience in the Travel industry working for an Italian Tour Operator and then as a Secretary for a well-known Textile Representation company. Francesca has a Diploma in Travel and Tourism.



At Palazzo Vaj

The Monash University Prato Centre hosts a variety of activities for students, academics and the local community. The ground floor is dedicated to student use with teaching spaces, computer facilities and a reading room. Additional computer rooms and teaching spaces are located on the first floor, where students can also access the terrace and other recreational spaces. Administrative offices are located on the first floor. In general, all other areas are used for conferences or cultural events. Throughout the year the Centre engages in a diverse range of activities, some of which are large scale and high profile conferences. For this reason we ask students to be aware of the other activities and visitors present during their time at the Centre. Other staff members that you may come across in the building are Elba Segura, the cleaner and Stefano Giusti, the janitor. You will also come to know Nicola Pietroniro, the *portiere* (porter) and Anna Mazzoni, the building administrator for the Arte della Lana. All are vital to the smooth running of the centre. Please greet them and be courteous if you see them in the building.

The city of Prato has been very accommodating in hosting Monash, its students, staff and visitors. These are the people who have allowed Monash to enjoy a prime position in the historic centre of city and who have facilitated close-by accommodation for visitors to the Centre, allowing Monash to grow and offer more opportunities to students and others. Prato is not a student town and so the Pratesi are not accustomed to student lifestyle, nor familiar with Australian culture. For these reasons students are asked to take into consideration the local people when staying in Prato, particularly while at the hotels. Cooperation on these matters would be greatly appreciated by Monash University.

Building security and access

The ground floor and some areas on the first floor can only be accessed using individually programmed swipe cards. Swipe cards are issued by the Prato Centre to students and staff on arrival. A refundable security deposit of €10 (ten euro) is required. For further assistance see the Student Services Officer.

All entrance points to the building as well as computer labs and areas are monitored by closed-circuit television (CCTV).

Computers, printers and Internet use

Desktop computers and network printers are available for use to students and visiting staff at the Centre.

Apple Macintosh computers are primarily intended for students of the Faculty Art Design and Architecture however can be used by students from other faculties with priority given to those who must use them strictly for academic purposes.

All computers have high speed internet access and connected to the networked printers. Extensive wireless internet access is also available throughout the building. The instructions to access the Prato Centre network are available in the computer labs and areas. Please follow the instructions to log in and use the computers.

■ SSID of the WiFi network is: **'Monash-Prato-WIFI'**, and it is available in all the Centre spaces.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with this access please contact the Network and System Administrator (leonardo.tinti@monash.edu).

Students are asked not to eat or drink in the computer labs and areas.

Opening hours are from 9am – 5.15pm.

Photocopying

Photocopiers and printers are available for students and visitors. To print or copy in the Centre, you require a username and password valid for the MUPC's network.

For information on costs and access please contact the Staff or visit Monash Prato Centre's website www.monash.it/about/it-and-audio-video-equipment.

Library

The Centre has a small collection of reference books and fiction titles in English. The fiction books may be borrowed whereas the reference collection can only be used at the Centre. Please see the Academic Programs Coordinator for more information.

The Centre also has a small specialist library, the **Bill Kent Library**. It houses a collection drawn from the libraries of Nicolai and Ruth Rubinstein (d. 2002) from the Warburg Institute, London. Almost half of the over 1900 titles are dedicated to the fine arts, whilst the remainder focus on Medieval and Renaissance political and cultural history, and its classical antecedents. The library supports the research and teaching activities of the Prato Consortium for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. The collection is fully integrated into the IRIS Consortium Union Catalog which can be consulted online (www.iris.firenze.it/index_e.php). The Bill Kent Library is open by appointment only. Please contact the Centre staff for further information.

As a Monash University student studying in Prato, you are able to access the University library's extensive collection of online resources including:

- databases in all major subject areas
- the library catalogue
- full text electronic journals
- Monash University Lectures Online
- past exam papers
- unit reading lists with links to full text materials
- subject guides to your area of study

The University library also provides you with a range of online assistance in support of your learning including:

- real time chat online with a librarian
- ask.monash for frequently asked questions and enquiries
- email help from librarians in your area of study

See the Monash University library website for more information: www.lib.monash.edu.au.

Municipal library

Istituto culturale e di documentazione Lazzerini www.bibliotecalazzerini.prato.it

The library is in Via Puccetti, 3 (next to the Textile Museum), less than 5 min walking distance from the Monash University Prato Centre. You are welcome to use the library's study areas and, if you are staying in Prato for at least one month, you can borrow books as well as audio-visual and multimedia materials. The library has an English-language collection as well as subscriptions to online English-language news.

You can use the Internet for free on either the library's computers or personal laptops upon presentation of an identity document and registration at the library's reception.

Please consult the library's website for information about opening hours.

Emergency evacuation procedures, numbers and signage

The sound of an alarm indicates an emergency evacuation is in progress.

What to do in case of an emergency evacuation

1. Stop all current activities.
2. Leave the premises/room in which you are and do not take anything.
3. Make your way towards the emergency exit following the designated exit path.
4. Do not use the lift/elevator.
5. Make your way to the assembly point located at the front of the castle in Piazza Santa Maria delle Carceri (150m left of the main entrance at street level).
6. Await the arrival of the emergency services.

What to do in case of an earthquake

1. Take refuge under a secure and robust table, as close as possible to the perimeter walls in case the floor below caves in, or alternatively in a wide door frame.
2. Distance yourself from windows, mirrors, chandeliers, book shelves, and electrical equipment. Beware of falling objects.
3. Make your way with extreme caution, sounding out the floors, stairs and landings, making sure they are safe to walk on.
4. Do not use the lift/elevator.
5. Do not use lighters or matches as the tremors may have damaged gas pipes
6. Move away quickly and calmly from the building and make your way towards the assembly point without the need to wait for the evacuation alarm.

Local Emergency Response Team Manager

Cecilia Hewlett, Director
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National emergency numbers

- 115 – Fire brigade (vigili del fuoco)
- 118 – Ambulance (ambulanza)
- 113 – Police (polizia)
- 112 – Carabinieri (military-trained police)

Civil protection authority (protezione civile)

www.protezionecivile.gov.it/jcms/it/homepage.wp
www.protezionecivile.gov.it/cms/attach/brochuredpc_eng2.pdf

Emergency signage at the Centre



Emergency exit



Assembly point



Direction to closest
emergency exit



Medical supplies



Fire extinguisher

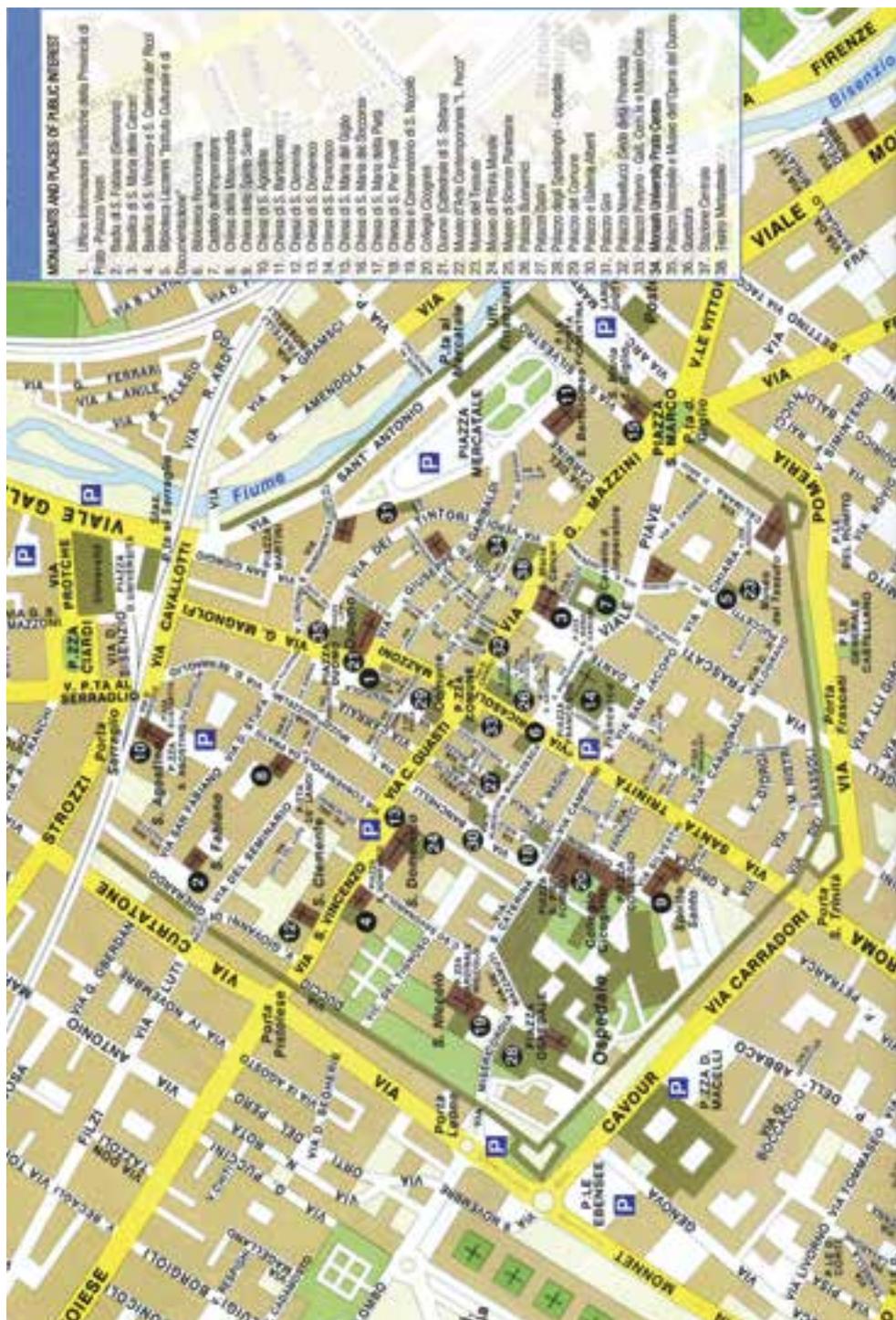


No smoking permitted

Prato Centre map

Offices		Teaching/conference/ exhibition space		Computer labs		Recreational areas		Study areas	
24	Reception	2	Salone Grollo	27	Computer Lab	3	Piccolo Bar	37	Bill Kent Library
28	Admin office 1	1	Sala Caminetto	34	Mac Lab	7	Main bar	35	Student Reading Room
13	Admin office 2	6	Sala Veneziana	17	Student lounge	8	Sala Biliardo	17	Student lounge
11	Admin office 3	14	Sala Toscana			9	Sala Specchi		
25	Director	15	Sala Giochi			5	Breakout 1		
26	Manager	36	Seminar 1			4	Breakout 2		
21	Visiting professor 1	30	Seminar 2			16	Kitchen		
38	Visiting professor 2	21	Seminar 3			17	Student lounge		
32	Visiting professor 3	34	Mac lab			20	Terrace		
10	Meeting room	12	Studio 1						
23	Visiting staff 1	29	Sguardi Australiani Archive						
22	Visiting staff 2								





Prato

Brief background

Prato is located in the northern part of Tuscany, a short distance from Florence and near the other major art cities of the region (Pistoia, Pisa, Lucca, Siena).

The second-largest city in Tuscany (190.000 inhabitants), after Florence, Prato has been a capital of the thriving Italian wool textile trade for nearly 900 years and is home to the 'Museo del Tessuto', a leading textiles museum, the 'Centro per l'Arte Contemporanea Luigi Pecci', a modern art museum, and the behemoth Swabian-style castle built by Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor, in the 13th century.

Since the late 1950s, the city has experienced significant immigration, firstly from southern Italy, then in the late 1980s from mainland China (Prato hosts the second largest Chinese immigrant population in Italy), eastern Europe, the Indian sub-continent, north and west Africa and elsewhere.

The communal, provincial and regional governments are active in European Community affairs, and have welcomed the presence of an Australian academic institution in the heart of their city.

Prato Tourist Information Bureau

Piazza Buonamici, 7
Ph 0574/24112
www.pratoturismo.it

Medical assistance

Health care while in Italy

Your entitlements

Italy and Australia share a reciprocal agreement on health care. This means that Australian residents visiting Italy can access the Italian public health system for any immediately necessary medical treatment, defined as a sudden acute illness or accident. It does not include treatment as a private patient.

You will need to present your Australian passport and Medicare card or number to obtain benefits through the public health system.

The National Health Service (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale) provides medical treatment at participating hospitals and clinics or authorised medical centres (convenzionati). You are entitled to subsidised health care for a period of up to six months from your date of arrival. If you need medical treatment go to the nearest local health centre (Azienda USL – Unità Sanitaria Locale): www.usl4.toscana.it (Prato) www.asf.toscana.it (Florence)

You will be covered for:

- medical treatment, including specialist services at public or other authorised hospitals and clinics
- treatment as a hospital patient in public and authorised hospitals only
- immediately necessary dental treatment at public hospitals

What is not covered: You may need to pay for medicines, diagnostics and other tests.

Emergency care/hospitals

For medical emergencies dial 118 to call an ambulance, or go to the nearest 24 hour emergency room (*Pronto Soccorso*) at any of the following hospitals:

Prato

Ospedale Misericordia e Dolce

Piazza Ospedale, 5. Tel: 0574-4341

Emergency room, Via Cavour, 87

Open 24/7

Florence

There are two main public hospitals in Florence. They both have an ER and are open 24/7.

■ **Ospedale S. Maria Nuova (city centre)**

Piazza S. Maria Nuova, 1. Tel: 055 96381

■ **Ospedale Careggi (north Florence)**

Viale Pieraccini, 17. Tel: 055 794111

If you go to the **pronto soccorso**, and your injury/illness is not coded as an emergency, the hospital may ask you to pay a minimum fee of €25.

After hours care

For non-emergency medical care after hours, call the *guardia medica* (doctor on call). The *guardia medica* is available nights from 8pm to 8 am, pre-holidays from 10am to 8pm and holidays from 8am to 8pm.

Guardia medica in Prato

Via Cavour, 118/120 – padiglione E ingresso C.S.S. “R. Giovannini”

Tel: 0574 38038

General care

Non-emergency medical care is generally obtained from a private doctor. Doctors and specialists indicate their offices with signs marked *Ambulatorio*. Patients usually call ahead for an appointment.

Here below you will find a list of medical professionals that you can contact directly or with the help of MUPC staff.

Prices may vary (from €50 to €70) therefore it's always advisable to check these details before appointment.

Important: The Monash University Prato Centre does not have a doctor on site. MUPC does not have any formal association with medical practitioners listed in this guide and does not take responsibility as to the level of expertise, availability of their services, and associated fees.

Practitioners

Category	Name	Telephone and address	Speaks English
General practitioner	Dr Fossi	Tel: 338 4280 766	
General practitioner	Dr Emiliano Antiga	Tel: 328 9027158 via San Giorgio 19/2	■
General practitioner	Studi Medici Palazzolo Dr Baroncelli Dr Bellini	Tel: 0574 36222 via Giuseppe Mazzini 19	■
General practitioner	Dr Stephen Kerr	Tel: 055 288 055 (office) 335 836 1682 (mobile) Piazza Mercato Nuovo, 1 Florence www.dr-kerr.com	■
General practitioner	Medical Service of Florence	Tel: 055 475 411 Via Lorenzo il Magnifico, 59 www.medicalservice.firenze.it	■
Dentist	Dr Roberto Calvisi	Tel: 057 428 216 viale Galilei, 13 f – Prato studicalvisi@supereva.it	■
Dentist	Dr Nicola Paoleschi	Tel: 055 241208/2480082 viale Gramsci 12 – Florence www.studipaoleschi.it	■
Dermatologist	Dr Maria Chiara Niccoli	Tel: 0574 592 071 via Torelli 57/1 Prato www.dermatos.it/index.php	
Gynecologist	Dr Paolo Brachi	Tel: 0574 33100 via Gobetti 59 – Prato	■
Ophthalmologist	Dr Gini	Tel: 0574 603097 viale Vittorio Veneto 60 – Prato	■
Physiotherapists	SPORT CENTER srl di Luciano Battiston	Tel: 0574 594366email: viale Montegrappa 16 – Prato lucianobattiston1@virgilio.it	■
Psychologists & Counsellors	Dr Anna Choub	Tel: 339 568 7775 (she works in Florence and Pisa)	■

Pharmacies

You can collect prescription medicine at any pharmacy (*farmacia* – look for the green cross) but they have to be prescribed by an Italian doctor. Common over-the-counter medications for minor health problems are sold without prescription.

24-hour pharmacies

Prato: Piazza Mercatale 147/A; Piazza dell'Ospedale, 5

Florence: opposite the Baptistery and in the railway station (Santa Maria Novella)

Safety

Prato is generally a safe city; the type of safety and security issues it experiences are not dissimilar to those experienced by other major cities, i.e. petty crimes, especially thefts. As a foreigner however you are more likely to be singled out, therefore you should take extra care and attention to avoid potentially dangerous situations. Following are some tips:

- Use common sense when walking around the city, especially in the evening or at night.
- Be aware of your surroundings; do not venture where you do not feel comfortable. Avoid walking alone at night; opt for a taxi rather than a bus if it's late. Avoid dark alleyways, parks and parking lots.
- Be aware of your belongings at all times but especially on crowded buses, at bus stops, train stations and food or flea markets as these are primary locations for pickpocketing.
- Store wallets in deep backpack pockets or completely zip your purse. Beware of how you are holding your bag or if it's open. If you are carrying a backpack, turn it with the pocket facing you. Avoid carrying large sums of cash on you. Also avoid carrying your passport; if you're not travelling make a photocopy and leave the original at your hotel.
- Choose an ATM machine located in a well-populated place. Make sure no stranger is too close when you are withdrawing money. Cover the number pad with your hands when typing your PIN number.

What to do in case of theft

Always notify a Monash staff member if you have been victim of a crime. We will help you file a police report (*denuncia*) that you will need to take to the nearest police station. Bring a valid form of ID with you to the police station.

If your wallet is stolen you should cancel immediately all ATM cards, credit cards, etc.

If your mobile phone is stolen, report the incident and number to the mobile phone company.



Getting around

Trains

Prato has two train stations: Prato Centrale (15 minutes walk from the Centre) and the smaller Prato Porta al Serraglio (5 minutes walk from the Centre). Two major railway lines service the province of Prato: the Bologna-Firenze line only stops at Prato Centrale; the Firenze-Lucca line, which continues to Pisa and the seaside town of Viareggio, stops at both stations.

Trains from Prato Centrale to Florence run approximately every 30 mins until 11.23pm, trains are less frequent at lunchtime and from Porta al Serraglio there are fewer trains in the evenings.

A return ticket between Prato and Florence costs about €5 but this is for a regional train only.

A monthly ticket costs about €40 and is valid from the 1st of the month until the end of the month, if you buy a ticket half way through the month it is valid only for the remaining days of that calendar month.

The Eurostar runs from Florence to major cities in Italy and across Europe. **To check timetables and fees for all trains (local, national and international) visit www.trenitalia.it.**

You can purchase tickets from the ticket office or from the ticket machines at the station. Some travel agencies make Trenitalia reservations but apply a surcharge.

Validating train tickets

You do not have to validate Eurostar or Intercity tickets because the reservation is mandatory. All other types of tickets (Regionale etc.) **must be validated before getting on the train by punching the ticket in one of the yellow machines found throughout the station or along the platforms.** In case of a round-trip ticket, you need to validate twice, the outbound ticket when leaving and the inbound ticket when returning.

Buses

CAP provides urban and intercity bus services within the Province of Prato. Tickets can be bought at edicola (newsagents), bars and other authorised vendors. Tickets must be validated on the bus in the validating machine at the start of the journey.

For information about bus timetables: www.capautolinee.it/muovi.html

Transportation strikes

Before planning your trips always remember to check for strikes. The website www.infrastrutturetrasporti.it is constantly updated with national and regional strikes.

Taxis

Taxis are usually white in colour and can be found at official taxi ranks in Piazza Duomo and the central train station. They are not hailed in the street and care should be taken to ensure a licenced vehicle is being used.

Supplementary charges may apply if carrying luggage or travelling to airports or stations.

Radiotaxi Prato

Tel. 0574 5656

Piazza Stazione F. S. (Prato Centrale train station),

Tel. 0574 37047

Car Rental

Maggiore

Viale Montegrappa, 208

Tel: 0574 527774

Office hours: 9am – 1pm / 3pm – 7pm

Europcar

Viale delle Repubblica, 80

Tel: 0574 514419

Office hours: 9am – 1pm / 3pm – 7pm

Car Rental with driver

Nereo De Lazzari 

Tel. 335 6754917

nereodelazzari@gmail.com

Bicycle hire

If you are in Prato for a short time, you may like to hire a bicycle. There are designated paths along the river and on some of the roads around the historic centre.

For more information on where to hire bikes in Prato visit: www.comune.prato.it

Tip: Ask for an estimate of the fare to get to your destination before you get in the taxi; this reduces the risk of being overcharged by some dishonest drivers.

Tip: In Italy, keep to the right and overtake on the left only.

Communications

Telephones and Phone cards

International calls

For about €5.00, the 'Happiness Plus' telephone cards give you 450 minutes of landline calls to Australia (38 minutes to mobile phones). They are available at various tobacconists (look for 'T' sign out the front of the shop).

Cell phones rentals

'Student Cells'

Short contracts possible, low monthly fee, bills viewable online.

Corso dei Tintori 29/r, 50122 Florence (FI)

Tel. 055 234 5322

English Yellow Pages and online information

'Insiders abroad' is a website containing a directory of English-speaking businesses and professionals in Italy. Includes information on jobs, classifieds, events and lots of helpful information for English-speaking foreigners in Italy: www.insidersabroad.com/italy

AngloINFO Tuscany

English website with everything you need for life in Tuscany and local information you can trust.

<http://italy.angloinfo.com>

<http://tuscany.angloinfo.com>



Where to eat

Listed below is a selection of restaurants, cafes, bars and gelaterie which have been tried and recommended. We are constantly updating this information so please let us know of any places to include or to remove from the list.



The Monash Prato Card initiative represented in the following table by this symbol has been established to encourage a positive and ongoing relationship between Monash and the city of Prato. As a student or visitor to the Monash Prato Centre, you are entitled to special discounts and privileges at endorsed venues such as cafés, restaurants, bakeries, food stores, museums and theatres with which Monash Prato has an agreement. Present your Prato Card at participating businesses displaying the Monash logo. More information about each participating businesses can be found on the webpage www.monash.it/pratocard

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Monash Prato Card associated business	
Restaurant	
Pizzeria	
Enoteca/Aperitivo	
Trattoria/Osteria	
After dinner/ Pub/Drinks	
Cafè/Snack Bar	
Ethnic food	
Gelaterie	
Take away	
Delicatessen	

Name		Address	Phone	Closed	Notes
Agorà		P.za Duomo 44	0574 1825949	Mon	
Antica Fiascherteria		via dell'Accademia	0574 41 225	Mon	Specialties: Tuscan cuisine.
Aroma di...vino		Via S. Stefano 24	0574 43 38 00 328 9557490.	Mon to Wed dinner	Specialties: Tuscan dishes and wide assortment of wines.
Caffé al Teatro		Via Verdi 28	0574 30 658	Mon Sun	
Don Chisciotte		P.za Mercatale 38/39	0574 39 023	Sat lunch	Delicious oven pizzas at a reasonable price
Il Baghino		Via dell'Accademia 9	0574 27 920	Sun Mon lunch	Specialties: Quality Tuscan cuisine.
King's Pub		Via Garibaldi 148	0574 28 641		
Kellerplatz		Via Migliorati 7			
I Francescaioli		P.za S. Francesco 8	057 46 07 499		Specialties: Very reasonably priced Tuscan food.
Il Palazzolo		Via Mazzini 37	0574 40 07 30	Mon	
Il Rifrullo		P.za Mercatale 18/19	0574 25 062		Serves pizzas, hamburgers and pasta dishes at a reasonable price.
La Buchina degli Angeli		P.za Mercatale 134	0574 44 29 22	Dinner only Tues	
Lapo		P.za Mercatale 141	057423 745	Sun	Speciality: Reasonably priced meals
Opificio JM		Via Dell'Arco 15 and P.za San Marco 39		Mon Sun lunch	Actor John Malkovich is a part-owner.
La Veranda		Via dell'Arco 10 (just off Piazza San Marco)	0574 38 235	Sat lunch and Sun	Speciality: Typical Tuscan food
Lo Scoglio		Via Verdi 42	0574 227 60	lunch Mon to Sat	Specialties: Meat and seafood.
Mokhà		P.za S. Marco 5	0574 40 04 12	Mon	
Opera 22		Via Pomeria 62/64	0574 60 68 12	Sat lunch Sun	
Osteria Cibbè		P.za Mercatale 49	0574 60 75 09	Sun	Small restaurant serving typical Tuscan cuisine. Booking recommended.
Soldano		Via della Sirena 12	0574 83 09 13	Sun	Specialties: Reasonably priced home- made Tuscan dishes
Da Delfina		Via della Chiesa 1 – Artimino (Fi)	055 87 18 074 055 87 18 119	Sun evening and Mon	If you have a car and a special occasion to celebrate, it is well worth finding your way down windy country roads to this Tuscan country restaurant.
La Fontana		Via di Canneto 3	0574 27282		La Fontana specialises in meat based Tuscan dishes including the famous 'Fiorentina' steak.
Pirana		Via G. Valentini 110	0574 25746	Sat lunch & Sun	Seafood restaurant *High-priced
8 Lanterne Blu		Vicolo degli Arrigoni 2	0574 33139		Serves wood fired pizza and calzone. Reasonably priced.
Farid Kebab		Via S. Trinità 74	349 5602216		

Name		Address	Phone		Notes
Hong Kong		Via Filzi 47/a	0574 611180	Mon	Chinese restaurant
Raja		Piazza del Collegio 8/A	0574 32032	Mon	Indian restaurant
Yammy Wok		Via B. Cellini 7	0574 560949		Chinese restaurant
Antico Caffè		Via Garibaldi 140	0574 23897		Recommended for lunch. Reasonably priced.
Caffè Toncelli		Via Tinaia 41	0574 23 288		
Café Zero		Via G. Garibaldi 45			Always open – very popular with students. Visitors and staff
Bar Bigonge		Via Cairoli 15	0574 26319	Sun lunch	Offers lunch (half portions available) and snacks.
Bar Magnolfi		P.za S. Francesco 24			
Bon Per Te		Via Cavallotti 22	0574 1824980	Mon	Light snacks – hamburgers and hotdogs
Crazy Pizza 1		Via S. Trinità 6	0574 29679	Mon	Pizza by the slice, eat in or take away
Crazy Pizza 2		Via del Serraglio 80	0574 401362	Mon	Pizza by the slice, eat in or take away
Le Barrique		Corso G. Mazzoni 19	0574 30151	Sun lunch	Rustic wine bar has few tables so booking is advisable.
Pizzeria Miky		Via G. Garibaldi 142			Pizza by the slice, reasonable prices. Open late.
Pasticceria Chocolat		Via Magnolfi 83	0574 27308		A range of delicious pastries and cakes are also available
Rosticceria San Marco		P.za San Marco 45			
Polo Nord		Via G. Garibaldi 112			A limited range of flavours, but excellent quality.
Gelateria Bartolini		Via Cairoli 21	0574 24301		
Gelateria Lingotto		P.za Mercatale 145/A	0574 441677		Excellent quality ice cream
Gelateria Del Corso		Corso Mazzoni 12	328 0021127		
Chigurni		Via S. Trinità 15			
Migrana		Via Firenzuola 63/65			
Rino e Renato		Via Gobetti 1-5			
La Fattoressa		Via della Sirena 3/5			
AperiVizio		P.za Mercatale 29	392 3350219		
Hop Store		Via Terracini 11			
Ben Nevis Tavern		V.le della Repubblica 290	0574 550557		
Wallace		P.za Mercatale 24	0574 448678		Also serves pizza and hamburgers
Guinness Ozne		Via Pugliesi 35	0574 1821051		
Caffè 21		Viale Piave 5/9	0574 42064		
Doors Pub		Piazza Mercatale 73	0574 605593		



What to do

Monuments and Historical Buildings

Prato has a rich historical and artistic patrimony, including a mid 13th century castle built by the Hohenstaufen Emperors, almost perfectly preserved medieval walls which enclose the ancient city centre, a Romanesque cum Gothic cathedral dedicated to San Stefano with an external pulpit by Donatello and Michelozzo, the church of S. Maria delle Carceri by Giuliano da San Gallo, and the well preserved Palazzo Datini, the fifteenth century home of the famous 'Merchant of Prato', Francesco Datini.

Tip: The best way to discover these monuments and learn their history is to take a map of the *centro storico* (historic centre/old town) and follow one of the itineraries

They are easy to follow, full of interesting information and FREE.

www.po-net.prato.it/artestoria/en

For current cultural events and further suggestions for itineraries see also:

www.pratoturismo.it/index.php?lang=en

Prato municipality recently created an App of the city of Prato for smartphone. It's called "I tesori di Prato" and contains information about the history of the city and its buildings. It is free and you can easily download the English version from the webpage

<http://portalecultura.comune.prato.it/?act=i&fid=4448&id=20130228152458326>

Museums and Galleries

Museo Pecci – The Contemporary Art Centre ‘Luigi Pecci’

Viale della Repubblica 227
Tel: 0574 5317
www.centropecci.it

Active at an international level, this contemporary art centre hosts a wide program of temporary exhibitions, didactic activity, documentation and information, multimedia events and performances.

Textile Museum

Via Santa Chiara 24
Tel: 0574611503; Fax: 0574-444585
<http://www.museodeltessuto.it>

Opening times: Monday – Sunday
10.00 – 18.00 (closed Tuesday)

Italy's largest centre for the study, conservation and exhibition of historic and contemporary textiles.

For a list of other museums in Prato see:
www.po-net.prato.it/musei/home_e.htm

Theatres and Cinemas

Metastasio Theatre

Via Cairoli, 59
Tel: 0574/6084
www.metastasio.net

Teatro Politeama Pratese

Via G. Garibaldi 22
Tel: 0574 603758
www.politeamapratense.com

Teatro Magnolfi Nuovo

Via Gobetti 79
Tel: 0574 44 29 06
www.magnolfinuovo.it

Teatro Fabbricone

Via Targetti 10/12
0574 690962
www.metastasio.net/it/informazioni/fabbricone.asp

There are 5 cinemas in the centre of Prato and all films are dubbed in Italian. Cinemas are closed during the summer holidays (July – September).

Astra

Via Milano, 73
Tel: 0574 25214, Closed on Monday

Tip: Prato on foot is quick and easy and is the best way to get orientated. Highly recommended is a walk/ride along the river. Cross the river at the gate in Piazza Mercatale and access the walking/cycling path after one block of houses to the left. In the early morning you will join the locals along this picturesque path positioned between the city and the hills.

Terminale

Via Carbonaia, 31

Tel: 0574 37150, Closed on Monday

www.terminalecinema.com

Eden

Via Cairoli, 18

Tel: 0574 21857, Closed on Thursday

English Language Cinema in Florence

Cinema Odeon

Piazza Strozzi, Firenze

Tel: 055 214068

www.odeon.intoscana.it

Discotheque outside Prato

Tenax

Via Pratese, 46

Zone: Osmannoro

Florence

www.tenax.org

This is the third largest nightclub in Italy. Thursday night is University students night and cheaper than the other evenings. Friday nights is commercial music and Saturday nights is house music. A full ticket costs about €25 on Friday and Saturday nights. Remember to dress up.

Capocaccia

Lungarno Corsini 12-14/r

Santa Maria Novella (Florence)

This bar is on the river near the ponte Santo Spirito. In the evening all the beautiful people of Florence flock to this place for aperitivi – they buy their drinks and sit on the edge of the river. One of the places to be seen in Florence

Maracanà

Via Faenza, 4r Florence

Ph: 055-210298

www.maracana.it

A Brazilian restaurant and nightclub. From 8pm – 11pm, at the restaurant there is a Brazilian show, or you can go straight to the nightclub which is open from 8pm – 4am.

Twice

via Verdi 57/r

www.twiceclub.com/contact.asp

Viktoria

Via Verdi 28, r Florence

www.loungebarviktorija.com

Parks

Centro di Scienze Naturali

Via di Galceti, 74, Ph: 0574 460503

www.csn.prato.it/index.php?sel_lang=english

Opening Hours: Weekdays: 9.30–12.30/15.00 – 18.00M;
Weekends: 15.00 – 18.00 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

A centre for the care and rehabilitation of animals, the park is over 8 hectares and has pedestrian paths throughout, allowing visitors to see a wide variety of flora and fauna. There's also a Natural Science Museum and a planetarium. The park is easily reached from the Prato Central Train Station on LAM bus (Red) or check the website for more information.

Cascine di Tavola

Via Traversa del Crocifisso via della Fattoria a Tavola., Ph: 0574 55921

Opening hours (Jan/Feb 8.00 – 17; Mar – Apr 8.00-19.30; Jun – Aug 7.30 – 21; Sept – Dec 8.00-17)
<http://brunelleschi.imss.fi.it/itineraries/place/CascineTavola.html>

Sports

Swimming Pool

Piscina Pubblica di Prato

Via Roma

It takes a good 20 minutes walk to get there, and on a hot summer day it can be very crowded. Day pass only is available for approx. €8, and you will need to wear a bathing cap (can be bought at the pool). Open only from late June to end August.

Piscina Comunale di Prato

Via Marradi, 3

Ph: 0574 468989

Mon, Wed, Fri 7.30 – 9.15, 10.00 – 14.30 e 19.30 – 21.00, Tue & Thur 7.30 – 14.30
Sab 12.45 – 14.30, Sun 9.00 – 13.00

Gym

Serendip (also swimming pool)

Via Valentini 22

Ph: 0574 448933

www.serendiprato.it

Freeline – Centro Fitness

Via Franchi 45

Ph: 0574 22489

Special rates for Monash students and staff

Palagym

Via Costantini 24 or Via R. Gori 15

Ph: 0574 595 855

www.palagym.com

Universo Sporting Center

Viale della Repubblica 293

Ph: 0574 575184

What to do – out of Prato

From Prato there are many great Italian towns and cities that are easily visited by train. Regular cheap flights out of Pisa or Bologna can take you to major cities in Europe.

During the year there are also many cultural events held throughout Tuscany. You will find a selection of them on this website: www.saimicadove.it/tempolibero

Florence

It is impossible to summarise all of the cultural activities Florence has to offer. The best way to find out is to go to a tourist information office.

Tourist Information Offices

Via Cavour 1r

Monday to Saturday 8.30am – 6.30pm

Tel +39 055 290832

www.firenzeturismo.it

Piazza Stazione 4

Monday to Saturday 8.30am – 7pm;

Sundays and public holidays 8.30am – 2pm

Tel +39 055 212245

Other sources of information about Florence include:

www.studentsville.it

www.flonthego.com

www.theflorentine.net

(The English-speaking news magazine in Florence)

Tip: Exhibitions, galleries and museums are often closed on Mondays. There is no strict rule about opening times for tourist attractions so it is always best to check first with a tourist information office or on the internet.

Pre-booking tickets for museums in Florence is recommended to avoid queues. Bookings for all major museums in Florence can be made online via the official website of Il Polo Museale Fiorentino www.polomuseale.firenze.it.

Remember there is a dress code for visiting churches. Shoulders should be covered and shorts are not appropriate. You may not be allowed into certain churches without correct dress.

Day Trips from Prato

Many of Italy's most popular towns are easily reached by train from Prato.

Rome	1hr 40min (from Florence on Frecciarossa)
Bologna	1hr 30min
Pisa	1hr 30min
Arezzo	1hr 30min
Viareggio (seaside town)	1hr 15min
Lucca	55min
Pistoia	15min

For further details go to the Trenitalia website www.trenitalia.com (also available in English) or Italo website www.italotreno.it

Cheap Flights out of Italy

Ryan Air and Easy Jet operate out of Bologna and Pisa and offer cheap flights to major European cities. See their websites for prices: www.ryanair.com and www.easyjet.com.

There are also European flights from Florence airport: www.aeroporto.firenze.it/en

Where to buy

Supermarkets and markets

Esselunga

Via G. Valentini, 1

Chinese Supermarket

Via Protche (near Piazza Ciardi)

For a variety of Asian groceries and some Indian ingredients. They also sell good, cheap English tea and Milo.

Coop Supermarket

Viale Vittorio Veneto
Piazza San Marco

Market

Piazza Lippi

Good quality fruit and veg at low prices, and highly recommended by Centre staff, can be found at this market located just behind the Duomo. Open every day except Sundays and Mondays until 2.00pm.

Viale Galilei

This market has fresh fruit and veg, clothes, household goods etc. It's about a 15 minute walk from the Porta al Serraglio station. Open on Monday mornings.

Tip: When buying fruit and vegetables in supermarkets in Italy, you must weigh and label the produce before you get to the cashier. Each item has a corresponding code (number) to determine the weight and price at the scales. When selecting your fruit and vegetables, always use the plastic gloves provided (if at the supermarket) or ask the greengrocer to serve you. Handling fruit and veg with bare hands is a no no!

Department stores

OVS (Oviesse)

Via Garibaldi

This department store has a small selection of clothing, toiletries and household items at reasonable prices. Also open Monday mornings.

Travel

CAP Office

Piazza Duomo 18

Ph: 0574 608218/19

Information on bus and train timetables. You can buy train tickets from here.

Malaparte Viaggi

Via Tacca, 7/9

Ph: 0574 433100

www.malaparteviaggi.com

Small travel agency not too far from the Monash University Prato Centre. Experts in air, train and ship/ferry travel. Their travel consultants also speak English.

Bookshops

La Feltrinelli

0574 29334

via Garibaldi 92/94

Also open on Sundays.

One of Italy's most popular book chainstores.

Soprattutto Libri

0574 440821

Corso Mazzoni 27

It is open until 11 pm and on Sunday afternoons.

Equilibri

Via Magnolfi 67/69

info@equilibri-libreria.it

Libreria Mondadori

Ph: 0574 448224

Via Guizzelmi 13/15

Feltrinelli International (Florence)

via Cavour, 12

055.292196

Specialized in international books

Mon/Sat 9-7.30

Wireless Internet Connections

“Student free move”

Corso dei Tintori, 29 Firenze

Ph: 055 234 5322

info@studentfreemove.com

Art supplies

Ovattoni Cornici

Near the corner of Via San Giorgio and Via Santa Margherita

Ph: 0574 34117

Good basic range of art products available. Friendly staff.

Coloratamente Atelier

Via Cambioni 14

Ph: 0574 442174

Fine Art products, decorative material and wooden items.

They also organise a variety of art courses. Check their website for more information:

www.coloratamente.it

Zecchi Colori Belle Arti

Via dello Studio 19R, Florence

A very good range of papers, paints and general fine arts supplies. Design and modelling supplies are also stocked, but quantities held in stock are limited.

Stationery

Buffetti

Via Magnolfi 39

Ph: 0574 25810

A good range of office and computer supplies.

Paperbook Shop

V.le Vittorio Veneto 49

A good range of computer supplies and paper supplies.

Toiletries and Cosmetics

La Gardenia

Via Garibaldi and Via Ricasoli 30/32

Full range of products from shampoo and skincare to higher priced perfumes and beauty products.

Gift ideas

Antonio Mattei

Via Ricasoli 20

Ph: 0574 257556

Famous for the best cantucci biscuits in Italy. The shop is right in the historic centre.

Peccati di Gola

Via Pugliesi 4. Experts in all types of chocolate with some great gift packs.

Pasticceria Luca

Via Lazerzini 2, Ph: 0574 41628

Reported to be Italy's best confectioner and a competitor in the Italian World Chocolate Championships. Also famous for cakes and pastries.

Olive Oil

Wherever you are in Tuscany, you will be able to buy locally produced olive oil. The main area of production in the Prato province is Carmignano. Buy '*olio extra vergine d'oliva*' or extra virgin olive oil which is only produced with pressed olives and has an acidity of less than 1%. This makes it the most pure olive oil. Below is more information about certification, to help you buy a quality product at a good price.

DOP	Denominazione d'Origine Protetta ("PDO" – Protected Designation of Origin) Food products which are produced, processed and prepared in a given geographical area using recognized know-how.
IGP	Indicazione Geografica Protetta ("PGI" – Protected Geographical Indication) The geographical link must occur in at least one of the stages of production, processing and preparation. The product must have a good reputation.
STG	Specialità Tradizionale Garantita ("TSG" – Traditional Specialty Guaranteed) It highlights a traditional character, not the origin, and refers to the composition or means of production.

Wine

Tuscany is world famous for Chianti. Again, the biggest area of wine production in Prato province is Carmignano. Below is an explanation of the different classifications of wine, DOCG being the highest quality of the three.

DOCG	Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita which means wine of controlled and guaranteed origin. This classification is only for a wine of a particular quality. In order to get the DOCG nomination, the wine should have been part of the DOC specified group for at least 5 years.
DOC	Denominazione di Origine Controllata which means wine with controlled origin. It is a wine of a specific area with certain characteristics which include the vine types, the quantity they produce, the processing of the grapes until bottling, as well as storage methods.
IGT	Identificazione Geografica Tipica which means that the region of origin (Tuscany, Emilia Romagna etc), the type of vine (eg. Sangiovese) and the year are indicated on the bottle.

Services in Prato

Sending packages to/from Italy

In case you want to send new items or gifts, make sure you take them out of their original packaging to make them seem used. Write on the shipping form: used personal belongings and provide an estimated value for each item. Items estimated at €20 or less will most likely not be taxed. Contents estimated between €20 and €150 will most likely be taxed at 20% of their value. Additional customs taxes may be applied to any shipment, therefore only send items that are absolutely necessary and that you're sure you won't be able to find in Italy. Do not ship cosmetics, lotions or other sanitary products as they may be subject to costly customs controls.

Use an international courier service to ensure fast delivery to Italy with a tracking number. It will allow you to trace the shipment.

Post Office

Via Arcivescovo Martini 8
Just off Piazza San Marco
Open 9am – 6pm
www.poste.it

The cheapest way to send packages back to Australia (up to 30kg), is through the Italian Post. Prices change often and vary according to destination, dimension and weight so you will need to visit a post office to get a quote. However, sending items by sea (delivery at least 1 month) will always be more economical than by airmail (delivery time up to 2 weeks).

For further information visit **www.poste.it/en** or freecall **803160**.

*Please note that the Centre will not organise the return of luggage/packages for students or of any items left behind.

Banks

Banca Popolare di Vicenza

Via degli Alberti 2

**This is the only bank in Prato that exchanges Travellers Cheques*

At the doorway make sure you take a number. When your number comes up on the illuminated screen, go to the cashier with your number displayed. Remember to take your passport.

Opening hours: Mon – Fri 8.25am -1.25pm; 2.35pm – 4.00pm

Ph: 0574.617325

Automatic Teller Machine (Bancomat)

Unicredit Roma: Piazza S.Francesco (via S.Bonaventura)

Banca Toscana: Piazza S.Francesco (via Ricasoli)

Banca Intesa: Piazza S.Francesco (via Ricasoli)

Cariprato: Piazza S.Marco (viale Piave)

Internet portals, fax and photocopying

Internet Point – New Net

Via Mazzini 61

Ph: 0574 29335

Prato Copy

Piazza Ciardi 39

Ph: 0574 35876

Offers a photocopying, printing, fax and scanner service.

System Copy

Piazza Mercatale 23

Ph: 0574 39343

Offers a photocopying, printing, fax and scanner service.

Dry Cleaners and Laundromat

Laundromat

Lavanderia Automatica Di Pasquinucci Anna Maria & C. Snc

Via Ser Lapo Mazzei 19

MP Wash Self Service Laundromat

Via S. Magherita 21, Ph: 0574 053209

Open from 7am to 10pm Monday to Saturday. They offer 2 sizes of washing machines (8kg and 13kgs) and driers up to 10kgs. Friendly staff.

Via della Stufa 25 – Expect to pay about €5 per garment

Penguinsec Lavasecco Sandra

Piazza Mercatale 62

Australian Embassy, Consulate, Visas and Residence permits

Embassy and Consulate-General

Australian Embassy

Via Antonio Bosio 5

Rome 00161

Ph: 06 852721; fax: 06 85 272 300

www.italy.embassy.gov.au

Australian Consulate-General

Via Borgogna 2

20122 Milan

Ph: 02 77704217; fax: 02 77704242

email: Australian-Consulate-General-Milan@austrade.gov.au

Visa

It is the responsibility of visitors to the Centre to inform themselves of **Italian visa requirements** and make suitable arrangements. The following information is provided for guidance only; it is not necessarily authoritative or complete. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (www.esteri.it/visti/index_eng.asp) provides authoritative visa information.

Effective September 1, 2010 Australian citizens who travel on an Australian passport to study in Italy for periods of up to 90 days no longer require a student visa.

Citizens from other countries that are exempt from applying for a visitor visa to enter Italy also no longer require a student visa for periods of study in Italy of up to 90 days. These countries are listed here: www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/IngressoSoggiornoInItalia/Visto_ingresso/Paesi_esenti_visto.htm.

Students travelling on the passport of countries that need to apply for a visitor visa to enter Italy (including China, South Africa, and Indonesia) need to apply for a student visa, even if the proposed program of study is less than 90 days.

A study visa is required for **all** (non-EU) students who participate in any programs that last **more than 90 days**.

It is highly recommended that the application for a student visa be for multiple entries.

Irrespective of visa status in Italy, all visitors must make a **declaration of presence** in Italy within 8 days of arrival. For students arriving into Italy from outside the **Schengen area** (eg from Australia, Canada, South Africa, Malaysia or the US) this can be done by having your passport stamped on arrival. For visitors entering Italy from inside the Schengen area (i.e. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Iceland and Norway), you are required to make a declaration of presence within 8 days of arrival. If you are staying at a hotel or guest house, the management will normally do this for you. If not, you may do so at the Questura (police station).

For Australian citizens:

Please consult the **Italian Embassy in Canberra** (www.ambcanberra.esteri.it/Ambasciata_Canberra) for the contact details of Italian Consulates in Australia.

Residence permit requirements

If you intend to stay for more than 90 days in Italy you must apply for a stay permit once in Italy, even if you have a visa covering a stay of more than 90 days.

Important! Monash University is aware many students plan to travel before and/or after their study program in Prato, thus bringing the total time they are in the Schengen area to over 90 days. However, Monash Abroad and Monash University can only provide visa information to students requiring a visa to undertake academic related travel to Prato. We are unable to provide information to students planning to travel for non-study related purposes. This includes information about undertaking independent travel before and/or after your official study program.



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