It is easier than you think to access cash while you are studying at the Italian Campus! Your U.S. debit card will work at Italian ATM’s, which means your parents can deposit funds into your U.S. bank account and you can withdraw directly while abroad. The Euro (€) is the official monetary currency of Italy and many other European Union nations, which makes traveling between these countries very easy. Remember, the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar ($) and the Euro (€) can fluctuate daily. Also note, Italian ATM’s will generally let you withdraw €250 max per day with a foreign debit card.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOU!**

Take an ATM debit card AND a major credit card with you.

Do NOT bring a lot of US$ cash to exchange, since your best option is to use an ATM machine.

Sign-up for web-based banking so you can check your balances and transfer funds online. (Note: You cannot check your account balance from a European ATM machine.)

Ask your bank about the fees associated with using your ATM debit card abroad.

Ask your credit card company about the fees associated with using your credit card abroad. Look into applying for a credit card that has no foreign transaction fees.

Notify your bank and credit card companies that you will be out of the country so that their fraud departments will not shut down use the first time you use your cards abroad.

Make two (2) copies of your ATM card and credit card (both sides). Leave one set of copies at home and take one with you, in case of loss or theft.

Plan to have approx. $4,500 - $5,000 spending money for the semester, for personal expenses and travel.