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COURSES OFFERED DURING THE SUMMER CRITICAL STUDIES ON FOOD IN ITALY PROGRAM

CRITICAL STUDIES ON FOOD (3 CREDITS)

Course taught in English at GLI. This course combines traditional lectures and discussion meetings with hands-on co-curricular activities and field trips in and around Rome, as well as in the Lazio region and Cilento's seaside. The course presents food in all its complex connections with culture, nutrition, environment, society, economics and politics. All course topics are accompanied by practical activities, ranging from classes in professional kitchens to food and wine pairing and tasting workshops. The lecture series is delivered by prestigious experts for each specific course topic, thus providing a dynamic learning environment with an interdisciplinary approach. Practical assignments allow students to explore and experience first-hand food culture in the streets of Rome. No prerequisites.

FOOD MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND TRENDS (3 CREDITS)

Course taught in English at GLI. This course focuses on the intersection between food and media, a connection that has elicited much interest in communication studies over the past few years. Food has become a hot topic on TV, the internet and printed media. The goal of this course is to enhance the students' competence both on the subject matter and in the practical skills necessary to produce good communication about food and wine. Students will be able to take advantage of hands-on practice with different kinds of media, including digital video. This multi-faceted course gives students a solid foundation in understanding Italy's unique media environment as well as the opportunity to utilize Rome (and Italy) as a living laboratory for producing a final portfolio of journalistic writings. Students will also complete an original video research project (Documentary production) customized to team interests. Guest lecturers include local and international journalists, writers and bloggers. No prerequisites.

FOOD, NUTRITION AND CULTURE IN ITALY (3 CREDITS)

This course will focus on how culture and ethnicity affect dietary practices, with particular emphasis on Italy as compared to the U.S. The influence of politics on food availability and food practices will be discussed. Emphasis will also be on cross-cultural communication processes to address nutrition and cultural issues. This course is intended to provide a forum for discussion based on presentations, readings, and personal experiences. Classes will include lectures presenting new material, but will also heavily focus on in-class discussion, field experiences and synthesis of topics.

FOOD WASTE IN ITALY (3 credits)

In Italy, food is celebrated, and many Italians cite the pleasure of eating and sharing meals as core cultural values. However, even with its long history of attention to regional and national cuisine, and veneration to taste and authenticity of food, less attention has been paid to the fact that a great deal (around 14.5 billion USD) of food goes unused. The Italian government is hoping to change this phenomenon. A recent (2016) Italian law requires that markets donate "usable" food to reduce waste and feed hungry people. In this course, students will study these issues by analyzing current research, conducting fieldwork, and looking at current implementation of the law. Students will work (through interviews, observation, and partnerships with community recovery agencies) to analyze where, when, why and how the line is drawn between food and food waste in Rome and the impacts and consequences of these categories.



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ELEMENTARY ITALIAN LANGUAGE UMASS ITAL 110 (3 CREDITS) AND INTENSIVE ELEMENTARY ITALIAN LANGUAGE UMASS ITAL 126 (6 CREDITS)*

GLi collaborates with the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci Rome to provide the Italian Language courses. Both courses are applicable toward UMass Amherst's (and most other U.S. Universities') language requirement. Higher levels of Italian language and Italian Conversation courses are available at Scuola Leonardo da Vinci. Please contact us to receive more information on this. No prerequisites.

***minimum of 8 participants must be enrolled for the INTENSIVE course**

ITALIAN LEXICON FOR FOOD STUDIES (3 credits)

This course will be for students without any knowledge of the Italian language. This course aims to teach: technical terms, vocabulary and words used in the specialized field of study and research of the Food Studies. Students will be able to analyze product packaging, advertising campaigns, but also scientific resources in Italian language. The teacher will help the students to identify the Italian words used in the field of Food Studies. This course will also include basic knowledge and skills of grammar, to help students to easily interact with native speakers.



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