

ROME, ITALY

COURSE INFORMATION

GUSTOLAB CENTER FOR FOOD & CULTURE

Gustolab designs programs of study with themes dedicated to food and Italian culture. Located in Rome's Historic Center, this academic institution has established a concrete network of experts and professionals in the fields of Italian food, nutrition, and culture.

SCUOLA LEONARDO DA VINCI

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci has welcomed students from all over the world since 1977 and is dedicated to furthering their education. Here you'll meet students from other U.S. and international universities.

FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS

Recommended course load: 12–18 hours

COURSE	ILLINOIS EQUIVALENT
Food and Culture in Italy	FSHN 100 level
Food and Media	MACS 200 level
Layers of Rome	HIST 300 level
Contemporary Italy: Culture and Society	SOC 200 level
Elementary Italian I or II	ITAL 101 or 102

FOOD AND CULTURE IN ITALY

Food is central to Italian culture. This unique course examines food and wine culture, production, and preparation. This is one of the signature courses of this program, as students are able to supplement theoretical lectures with weekly hands – on lab classes in professional Gustolab Center for Food and Culture teaching kitchens. Excursions outside of Rome (to see the production of cheese and wine) complete the course. Students spend a weekend in southern Italy (in Cilento) to discover the origins of the Mediterranean Diet through tastings and guided visits in major wine and food centers. They also learn about the history of art in the Campania region.

FOOD AND MEDIA

This communications course focuses on the current trends in food advertising in the mediums of television, the Internet and print. Part of the course concentrates on the technical aspects required to talk about food, society, and culture. The students study and analyze documentaries and video narrations in class with the help of experts in the field. Coursework culminates in a final documentary production of a project that students will independently film in the studios and around the streets of Rome.

LAYERS OF ROME

This history course will keep students on the go, as they learn about Roman art, archaeology, and architecture by seeing it all firsthand through weekly on-site excursions. In addition to traditional lectures, students will make the city their classroom by visiting Roman ruins, monuments, and other historic and cultural sites, and thereby explore Roman history by exploring the city itself!

CONTEMPORARY ITALY: CULTURE AND SOCIETY

In this course, students will analyze the last 140 years of Italy and Italian life in order to understand the Italy of today. This sociology course will outline the trends that have shaped Italy, including topics such as localism/regionalism, social and political cultures, gender issues, resistance, organized crime, and cinema.

ELEMENTARY ITALIAN I OR II

These introductory Italian language classes are modeled after the same courses taught on campus at Illinois. The courses are designed to prepare students for practical communication in Italy, as well as to progress into Italian 102 and 103 upon their return to campus.

