

COURSE DETAIL

OUR THINGS: THE COSA NOSTRA: IDENTITY AND POWER THROUGH THE LENS OF CRIME AND DEVIANCE IN ITALY

Country

Italy

Host Institution

UC Center, Rome

Program(s)

Sociology in Rome, Communication Studies in Rome

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

112

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

CRIME&DEVIANCE ITAL

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course demonstrates that crime and deviancy, rather than being found ready made in society, are produced, strengthened, and challenged by numerous competing forces and actors. Using Italy as a launchpad, the course approaches, analyzes, and discusses contemporary and historical case studies in which these forces and actors are located, in order to develop precisely those skills needed to question and dissect unfolding events in a sociological fashion. Italy has long had associations with organized crime, and the course studies first-hand this complex historical, sociological phenomenon, while simultaneously questioning those more socially immediate and recognizable forms of social "deviance" found in the modern Italian context. To aid this analysis, case studies are navigated in parallel with the pillars of sociological theory relating to crime and deviance, in order for discussions and theses about events to be rooted in, and aided by, models which facilitate thought and hypotheses.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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