COURSE DETAIL

ITALY: TERRITORY, FOOD, AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Country

Italy

Host Institution UC Center, Rome

Program(s) Art, Food and Society

UCEAP Course Level Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s) Italian Anthropology Agricultural Sciences

UCEAP Course Number 112

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title ITALY: TERRITORY, FOOD, AND ANTHROPOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title ITALIAN FOOD

UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

Italy possesses one of the richest culinary traditions in the world, with roots reaching back to ancient times. Students explore literature detailing matters of Italian food culture in a dense array of settings. Part of the course is conducted on site, exposing students to Rome's rich network of food distribution systems, as well as touring areas in proximity of Rome to discover the close linkage between the territory, its inhabitants, and consumable food products. Topics covered include the cultural ecology of pasta, the historical evolution of spices, the special character of Alpine ecosystems, the moral implications of food consumption, modern food distribution, the globalization of taste, and responses to globalization especially through the Slow Food movement. Throughout the course attention is paid to the role of food practice in contemporary Italian society and culture, with special attention to gender. In order to put principles into practice, the structured experience of food and wines is an integral part of the course.

Language(s) of Instruction English

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