COURSE DETAIL

SOCIAL ACTIVISM AND FOOD JUSTICE IN SICILY: FAIR TRADE, LABOR RIGHTS, AND MIGRATION

Country
Italy

Host Institution
UC Center, Sicily (Multi-Site)

Program(s)
Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Sociology Environmental Studies

UCEAP Course Number
132

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
SOCIAL ACTIVISM AND FOOD JUSTICE IN SICILY: FAIR TRADE, LABOR RIGHTS, AND MIGRATION

UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
4.00

UCEAP Semester Units
2.70

Course Description

This course offers an in-depth analysis of the multidimensional social challenges that are embedded in the global food systems, utilizing the Sicilian foodways as a case study. Immigration from Africa and the Middle East, recent food quality discourses and fair-trade practices intersect in Sicily, at the center of the Mediterranean, offering a rich landscape of NGOs and businesses that lead the social change towards a more equitable and just system of food production, distribution, and consumption. The course discusses the experiences of the migrant agricultural labor force, seeking to create a better life for themselves far from their homelands; and the course explores the agricultural system into which they find themselves inserted. Combined with an in-depth introduction to the new regimes of food quality that have influenced the emergence of prestigious and innovative food brands and labels in Sicily, students use their new understanding of the trends of the recent past to map the possible developments that Sicilian cuisine may take in the future.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Syracuse

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
Course Last Reviewed 2024-2025

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