

## School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus – FALL 2023

### Italian History on Screen

**Course ID and 6-digit Number:** ITAL 1900-401

### Course Description

ITAL 1900, or Italian History on Screen, aims to provide a multifaceted view of Italy, by deconstructing conventional images of the country and highlighting the rich components of Italian culture and society, as they develop throughout history and are revealed through cultural memory. While, on one hand, food, soccer and “mafia” have become popular-culture stereotypes referring to Italy, on the other, advances in technology (Ferrari and Maserati; space exploration; medical research, etc.) and an ample artistic heritage (as expressed in opera, but also in the vast spectrum of music, painting, literature, drama, fashion, architecture, etc.) must be included in the country’s portraiture. This course will revisit stereotypes and positive features of the country, by considering information provided in historical reports, and through the perspectives of filmmakers who tell the many different stories of Italy. Group work, discussions, and reading will allow students to examine the problems and trends in the political, cultural, and social history from ancient Rome to today. This course will be taught in English, and all readings will be available in English.

There are no prerequisites. This course also fulfills

- The Arts and Letters Sector
- College FND Cross Cultural Analysis

### Class Structure for Fall 2023

- In-person sessions planned
- Students will attend class MW 3:30-5:00 pm
- Students will complete out-of-class assignments as indicated by the instructor
- Students will watch a film per week (films screening will be organized)

### Out-of-class Activities

- Readings and film analysis

### Essential Course Policies

- Course Material (readings, PowerPoints, handouts, films, and links) provided by the instructor
- Regular Access to Canvas

### Outline of Assignments and Assessments

- Homework and Attendance and Participation 50%
- Final Paper 50%

Any student may consult with [Student Financial Services](#) to find out what support they are eligible to receive to cover course costs or other items that ensure their health, safety, and secure learning environment.

Students needing accommodations of any kind should let the instructor know as soon as they are able.