



## Italian Food Culture

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Meets synchronously on Tuesday afternoons 300pm-540pm

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- ◆ The aim of this graduate seminar is to analyze the role of food in Italian Literature and Culture from ancient Rome to contemporary times, with references to other cultures.
- ◆ Food is omnipresent in multifaceted fashions as thematic subject and narrative structure in Italian literature. Lexicon, images, and metaphors of food play an essential role in the literary tradition. Gastronomy is interwoven in many aspects of Italian culture.
- ◆ Through the examination of different genres of texts, the course will highlight the different functions of food. We will discuss and investigate its social, economic, ecological, aesthetic, and cultural impact, with special attention to its relation to identity, memory, and gender. In our analyses, we will rely on historical, critical, and theoretical readings by Montanari, Bemporat, Barthes, Benjamin, Cardini, Levi-Strauss, Fischler and more. Taught in Italian.

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