ITALIAN 248: A CULTURAL TOUR OF ITALY

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**Lesson 1**. **Introduction and a Short Tour of Italy**

Resources: INTRO-TO-ITALY

“Ancient Rome in 20 Minutes”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46ZXl-V4qwY>

1. Introduction to the course. Italy as a mosaic of geography, dialects, and regional traditions.

2. *Italy: Love it or Leave it* (Hofer & Ragazzi, 2013)

**Lesson 2. Rome**

1 Introduction to Rome: ancient, medieval, Renaissance and Baroque.

“Empire of the Cross” (San Clemente) (29) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2-2b35xHR8>

2. Baroque urban planning, Joseph Connors 2015 Mellon lecture (60): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzUks-XVIqE>

3*. La dolce vita* (Fellini, 1960), episode 2 (Sylvia Rank at 0:23): see Films below

4. *La grande bellezza* (The Great Beauty) (Paolo Sorrentino, 2013)

5. *Caro diario* (Dear Diary) (Nanni Moretti, 1993)

**Lesson 3. Naples**

1. General introduction to the city (4) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f46J2LBT0cE>

2. The birthplace of pizza: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/art-of-neapolitan-pizzaiuolo-00722>

3. *Decameron* (Pier Paolo Pasolini, 1971) 1-4 (Andreuccio etc.): see Films below

4. *Paisà* (Roberto Rossellini, 1946: episode 2)

5. *Gomorrah* (Garrone 2008): [http://bit.ly/34IQBCQ](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F34IQBCQ&data=02%7C01%7Cdmarsh%40italian.rutgers.edu%7Cd1833aa4cba444ac26d608d76457e230%7Cb92d2b234d35447093ff69aca6632ffe%7C1%7C0%7C637088200920997388&sdata=cMQtW4i808I1n4Bv3i3iCSafxkMrTT4NRFEJAnwjtG4%3D&reserved=0) (36:30-56:30/65:30-72:30/93-99/111-121)

Films:

[https://rutgers.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?query=any,contains,%22italian%20icons%22&tab=CourseReserves&search\_scope=CourseReserves&vid=01RUT\_INST:01RUT&offset=0](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frutgers.primo.exlibrisgroup.com%2Fdiscovery%2Fsearch%3Fquery%3Dany%2Ccontains%2C%2522italian%2520icons%2522%26tab%3DCourseReserves%26search_scope%3DCourseReserves%26vid%3D01RUT_INST%3A01RUT%26offset%3D0&data=02%7C01%7Cdmarsh%40italian.rutgers.edu%7Ce89bedef24f44d4bd41a08d75c9962a8%7Cb92d2b234d35447093ff69aca6632ffe%7C1%7C0%7C637079686155555736&sdata=rui752Ev%2B7PK3v9OsSOGCGUIP%2BBe0My%2BxKpAH0sgcwc%3D&reserved=0).

**Lesson 4. Florence**

Resources: EARLY-RENAISSANCE.docx, RENAISSANCE ART.pptx

Florence, City of the Renaissance (40’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bxOwS8LsTM>

Early Renaissance Art (56’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9L866iME2s>

1. Introduction to Florence and the Renaissance

2. *Room with a View* (James Ivory, 1985)

**Lesson 5. Venice**

Resource: MUSIC-IN-VENICE

1. Introduction to the city: Commerce, Carnival, and Commedia dell’Arte

2. Global warming and Venice (28’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxpGWcACW6k>

3. Goldoni *Arlecchino servant of two* *masters* (116’: 22’-28’)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC0a24NJIgY>

4. Music: Monteverdi and Vivaldi

Venice, Island Treasure (52’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKUd8QbLp3U>

Genius of Monteverdi (5’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnBTKS1KnrY>

Monteverdi, *Vespers* (90’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJIwFO9A1f8>

Monteverdi, *Orfeo* (120’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ma4OelX45I>

Vivaldi, *Four Seasons* (9’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEH5cVgQuSQ>

Vivaldi, *Four Seasons* (42’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnDLlajMxyo>

Vivaldi Unmasked (58’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1yG_2gMX9M>

Vivaldi in Venice (15’) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZzCoJAN4vE>

**Lesson 6. Italy’s Mezzogiorno: The South and Sicily**

Resource: EMIGRATION-PASTA&PUCCINI

1. Introduction to the “Problem of the South” and emigration

2. Verga and *La terra trema* (Visconti, 1948)

3. *Terraferma* (Dry Land) (Emanuele Crialese, 2013): [http://bit.ly/2NcP1nT](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F2NcP1nT&data=02%7C01%7Cdmarsh%40italian.rutgers.edu%7Ceab8c722af534dc4bd9e08d7654efa30%7Cb92d2b234d35447093ff69aca6632ffe%7C1%7C0%7C637089262183648318&sdata=UK02qgnoCpgG%2FDUtOgONh5j7eMA3Bo1auoJezhH%2BwN4%3D&reserved=0)