

Italian

Module descriptors for Inbound Students.

Name	Italy in the 21 st Century
Code	ITU33041
Semester	1
ECTS credits	5
Pre-requisite	

Module Content

Italy is transforming into a multiracial post-secular society in which old habits and new relations between its citizens coexist. This module examines the society and politics of the new millennium and how texts reflect in their narrative complex social and identitarian issues: racial, gendered, political and religious. Taking issues from contemporary Italy, the module will explore issue such as: politics, mafia, women, migrations to and from Italy. Suitable for all, including those who have done JF Italian History 1815 to 1945 and SF Italian History and Society 1946-1999. Clips, DVDs, and movies will be used in class.

Week 1-2. Introduction to current Italian politics and society

Week 3-5. Mafia

Week 6-9. Women

Week 10-11. Migrations

Week 12. Revision and class discussion

Learning Outcomes

Assuming you attend all or most lectures, complete assignments and engage in independent learning, at the end of this module you should be able to:

- demonstrate factual knowledge by gathering information from relevant sources;
- discuss analytically some of the major questions of 21st century Italy, especially racial, gendered, political and religious identities;
- critically analyze at least one of the key texts suggested;



understand the basic points of at least one cultural theory (gender, queer, postcolonialism, post-secularism) and be able to apply it to a literary or filmic text.

Assessment

One 3500–4000-word essay