

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

Academic School/Department:	Communications, Arts and Social Sciences
Programme:	History
FHEQ Level:	5
Course Title:	History of the Italian Mafia
Course Code:	HST 5820
Course Leader:	Monica Giovannini (Florence) Rosanna Graziani (Rome)
Student Engagement Hours:	120
Lectures:	45
Seminar / Tutorials:	
Independent / Guided Learning:	75
Semester:	<i>Fall/Spring/Summer</i>
Credits:	12 UK CATS credits 6 ECTS credits 3 US credits

Course Description:

ITALIAN STUDY CENTRES ONLY. This course explores the history of the Italian Mafia from the national unification of Italy until the present day. Topics studied include relationships within the organization, those between the Mafia and Italian Politics, and those between the Italian and the American Mafia.

Prerequisites: GEP 4180 Research and Writing II

Aims and Objectives:

The course aims to analyse the Italian Mafia through different but closely related perspectives: political, historical and sociological. We study the history of the Mafia from the Unification of Italy until the present day. The focus is on the Mafia's political and social history, leading to the story of the American Mafia to which it gave birth. We also discuss attempts to fight the Mafia and analyse the reasons for the successes and failures of the anti-Mafia struggle.

Programme Outcomes:

5A(i); 5A(ii); 5B(ii); 5C(i); 5C(iii); 5D(ii)

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification.

This is located at the archive maintained by the Academic Registry and found at:

<http://www.richmond.ac.uk/admitted-students/programme-and-course-specifications/>

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

- demonstrate a detailed, critical understanding of the fundamental aspects of the history of the Italian Mafia, including :
 - the socio-political relationship between the Mafia and Italian politics
 - the historical origins of the Italian Mafia
 - the social relationships within the organization
 - the social relationships between the Mafiosi and the external world
 - the few similarities and the many differences between the Italian and the American Mafia
 - the Mafia as an aspect of Italian political culture.

Indicative Content:

- The origins of the Mafia
- The mafia in the Italian political system
- The rise of the Corleonesi and the drug trade
- The Mafia and religion
- The role of women in the Mafia
- Relationships with other criminal organisations
- The financial Mafia
- Law enforcement against the Mafia

Assessment:

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved Academic Board (formerly Learning & Teaching Policy Committee) and located at: <http://www.richmond.ac.uk/admitted-students/>

Teaching Methodology:

The course is based around in-class lectures complemented by some relevant site visits. During the first hour of class, we will cover historical aspects of the Mafia. In the second half, a sociological analysis of the phenomenon will be developed through class debates and short excerpts from documentaries and movies relevant to the issues covered.

