Italian 107: Survey of Italian Culture and Institutions (4 units)
Fall 2013    MWF 12:10-1:00pm    235 Wellman
CRN 53353    Taught by Prof. Jay Grossi

Prerequisite:
None.
(Taught in English)

GE Credit:
OLD:
ArtHum.
NEW:
AH, OL, SS, VL, WC, WE.

Italian 107 is a course designed to present students with an overview of Italian history and culture from the Middle Ages to the present. The first few lessons will deal with the history and culture of the Etruscans and Romans before arriving at the Medieval Period. In this class we shall cover the following topics: Humanism, the Baroque, Enlightenment, and the culture of Italian unification, the Risorgimento with special emphasis on the works of St. Francis of Assisi, Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio, Lorenzo de’ Medici, Machiavelli, Castiglione, Della Casa, Galileo, Beccaria, and Manzoni. Moreover we shall also cover topics, such as the development of the Italian language, Italian cuisine, and great Italian cities. Thus at the end of the course the student should have a general knowledge of the historical and cultural background of Italy.