

Italian 2249F/ CLC 2249F



Naples: A Volcanic Identity

Discover **Naples**, the volcanic heart of the Mediterranean. The course examines **the city's rich heritage**—its ancient history, vibrant present, and distinct cultural character—through **visual arts, films, stories, music, and essays**, investigating the reasons behind its lasting appeal to generations of foreign travellers.

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**Taught in
English**

Course Structure:
2 hours/week



Learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate familiarity with Naples's cultural traits: its Roman past, Baroque features, theatrical and musical tradition, and complex present
- Recognize key literary, artistic, and philosophic figures (Boccaccio, Caravaggio, Ferrante, De Filippo, Totò etc.) as well as major events and cultural achievements that affected Italian history and Western culture
- Evaluate, contrast, and describe perceptions and perspectives of foreign and local writers and film directors
- Understand the construction of clichés connected to cultural identity

Evaluation:

Participation
10%



Mid-term 35%



Quiz 20%



Final Writing Assignment
(in class) 35%