

## ITALIAN LIFE & CULTURE (ILC)

NCSAC FLORENCE SPRING 2011



SCHEDULED SLOT: TUESDAY 4.10PM – 6PM THURSDAY 4.10PM – 6PM

**PLEASE NOTE THIS SCHEDULE MAYBE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – PLEASE CHECK THE AIFS NOTICEBOARD**

### WEEK ONE

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> February

#### **Aims of the Course Explanation**

This meeting is for your US faculty to explain exactly what is required of you for this course. Please meet at the times below, according to your home campus.

3.45pm – 4.45pm  
5pm – 6pm

SRJC (Ben Farhat) – Venezia  
DVC (Miller) – Venezia

CSM (Palmer) – Reggio Calabria  
CRC (Doonan) – Reggio Calabria

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Italian Group ITAL A (Students A – L) Italian Placement test 1pm – 2pm

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Italian Group ITAL B (Students M - Z) Italian Placement test 1pm – 2pm

Students will be placed in groups for Italian classes (ITAL A Mon & Weds 1pm-2pm), (ITAL B Tues & Thurs 1pm-2pm). Details will be posted on the notice board on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

4.10pm

#### **Activity: Professionally Guided Walking tour of Florence**

Meet AIFS staff in the middle of Piazza della Repubblica (outside school).

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February

There are regular classes (Monday Classes) but there is no Italian on this day.

### WEEK TWO

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Lecture: Historical Overview of Italy** – by Alexandra Lawrence

4.10pm Lecture Hall

Where to start? Thousands years of often complicated history, distilled into an easy to follow explanation.

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Activity: Meeting with faculty from your Home Campus**

4.10pm – 5pm  
5pm – 6pm

SRJC (Ben Farhat) – Venezia  
DVC (Miller) – Venezia

CSM (Palmer) – Reggio Calabria  
CRC (Doonan) – Reggio Calabria

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

There are regular classes (Tuesday Classes) but there is no ILC or Italian on this day.

### WEEK THREE

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Lecture: Regionalism, Language and Dialect** by Alexandra Lawrence

4.10pm Lecture Hall

Today we exam regionalism and “campanilismo” in contemporary Italian society. Why the “questione della lingua” (what form Italian language should take) is still a prominent debate today.

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Activity: Guided visit to the Uffizi** – No stay in Florence is complete without a guided tour of this world famous art gallery. You will be split into smaller, more manageable groups at different times, please check the noticeboard for details.

### WEEK FOUR

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> February

#### **Lecture: The Medici** - by Dr. Angela Oberer

4.10pm Lecture Hall

The most famous family in Florentine history comes under the microscope. Who were they? What did they do? How did they get so powerful?

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> February

**No ILC Lecture or Activity. Italian class takes place as normal.**

### WEEK FIVE

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March

#### **Activity: Guided tour of the Pitti Palace**

A Medici palace. Visit the residence of Florence's most notorious and influential family which now houses a number of museums and a beautiful garden. As usual, this visit will take place in small groups at various different times.

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March

#### **Activity with your home campus: Please see your course outline for details.**

4.10pm – 5pm  
5pm – 6pm

SRJC (Ben Farhat) – Venezia  
DVC (Miller) – Venezia

CSM (Palmer) – Reggio Calabria  
CRC (Doonan) – Reggio Calabria

## WEEK SIX

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 4.10pm Lecture Hall **Lecture: Immigration** - by Alexandra Lawrence  
A big issue in this country, this is your chance to discover the reasons why.

ITALIAN MIDTERMS THIS WEEK ITAL A Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1pm / ITAL B Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March **No ILC Lecture or Activity. Italian class takes place as normal (see above).**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Mid Term Break. Travelling? Please let AIFS know.

## WEEK SEVEN

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> March 4.10pm Lecture Hall **Lecture: The Church and Papacy** – by Dr Angela Oberer  
A look at the role of the Catholic Church in Italian history, politics and culture, as well as debate about the separation (or lack thereof) of church and state.

Weds & Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March **Activity: Guided visit to Santa Croce**  
After the Duomo Santa Croce is the most famous church in Florence and the final resting place of many of the city's famous personalities. You will be in smaller groups at different times (even Wednesday). Details on notice board.

## WEEK EIGHT

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> March 4.10pm Lecture Hall **Lecture: Italian Politics** - by Alexandra Lawrence  
An overview of the complicated, tumultuous and often ridiculous world of Italian politics.

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March **No ILC Lecture or Activity. Italian class takes place as normal.**

## WEEK NINE

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> April 4.10pm Lecture Hall **Lecture: La Famiglia** – by Alexandra Lawrence  
An examination of the concept of the contemporary Italian family. How reality differs from common perceptions outside of Italy. How the family network has changed since the post-war period.

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April **No ILC Lecture or Activity. Italian class takes place as normal.**

## WEEK TEN

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April 4.10pm Lecture Hall **Lecture: The Mafia & Organized Crime** – by Dr Angela Oberer  
We will discover the origins of the organization and hear some of the harrowing tales behind it.

ITALIAN FINALS THIS WEEK ITAL A Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1pm / ITAL B Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1pm

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April **No ILC Lecture or Activity. Italian class takes place as normal (See above).**

## WEEK ELEVEN

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April 4.10pm Lecture Hall **Lecture: A Year in Italy: Seasons, Holidays & Festivals** – by Alexandra Lawrence  
Italians will use any excuse for a festival and observe more national holidays and saints' days than any other European country. Here we look at key dates in the year and find out what (sometimes crazy) traditions are linked with them.

After the lecture **Group Photograph.** We will all make our way to Piazza SS Annunziata for a photo. A free copy will be given to you during the final week of the program.

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> April **Final Activity with your home campus: Please see your course outline for details.**  
SRJC, DVC, CRC and CSM are all meeting on this day.  
Rooms and times to be confirmed.

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday – A national holiday, school is closed, no classes will take place.