**The Italians: Food, Culture and Society**

Italy possesses one of the richest culinary traditions in the world, with roots reaching back to ancient times. Students explore literature detailing matters of Italian food culture in a dense array of settings. The course is designed to provide an introduction to Italian culture, with a particular focus on the role of food. The aim is to offer an original and engaging analysis of the various phenomena of Italian customs, with a socio-anthropological slant but based on solid scientific foundations exposing students to Italy’s rich culinary network and discover the link between the territory and its inhabitants.