
Western University

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I will communicate important information to the entire class via the Newsfeed located on the course OWL page. Additionally, I will use e-mail for course updates, and where necessary, I will communicate with you individually through Western e-mail (ppirani2@uwo.ca). All e-mail will be checked daily, and a response will be given within 24 hours.

You can also reach me on Zoom. Given the course's nature, I will not hold regular "office hours" on Zoom, but please send me an e-mail if you would like to arrange a Zoom meeting.

Historically, Italians have contributed extensively to our shared world heritage. Italians created the first universities, law and medical schools, banks, and public libraries; taught diplomacy and manners to Europe; mapped the moon (in 1651); split the atom; produced the first modern satires and sonnets; invented the telephone, battery, the barometer, the radio, and the thermometer; and gave to the world the eternal gift of music.

This course will build on this tradition and explore what makes Italy unique on the global scene in the 21st century. By looking at Italy's achievements in sectors such as fashion, food, philosophy, sport, and business, to name a few, this course will introduce students to the icons of Italian culture and industry and explore their broad international appeal.

Taught in English.

Online Discussion (OLPA)	60% (12% each x 5 discussions)	Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3, Unit 4, Unit 5
Take-Home Final Exam	77 Tm0 G(D	

group has read the articles/chapters and build on that shared knowledge. A person who merely summarizes the readings will receive a lower grade. A person who analyzes and applies the readings will receive a higher grade.

Each discussion comes with two questions, and you are required to g qus

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Students who found themselves in emotional/mental distress are encouraged to refer to Mental Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of confidential options about how to obtain help.

While your instructors and TAs will do their best to reply within a reasonable timeframe during weekdays to your e-mails, make sure that the answer to your questions is not already contained in your syllabus. This will save lots of time and concerns.