

ITALIAN AMERICAN STUDIES (ITAS)

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ITAS 101 Introduction to Italian American Studies (3 Credit Hours)

The course provides a framework for understanding the processes by which Italian immigrants and their descendants became/become members of American society, developing complex ethnic identities while often retaining some affiliation and/or transnational relations with Italy. It addresses questions of class, race, gender, and multiculturalism in relation to the Italian-American experience.

Interdisciplinary Option: Italian Studies

Outcomes:

Interpret and contextualize the experience of Italian-Americans and their expressive culture through historical, sociological, and political perspectives, extrapolating from the particular (Italian-American experience) to the general (immigration, assimilation, American identity)

ITAS 299 Explorations of the Italian Immigrant Experience (3 Credit Hours)

This course will analyze the "close encounter" between emigrants of Italian origin and the American society at the turn of the 20th century. Students will be exposed to Historical, Sociological, Literary, Cinematic, Cultural studies, and will develop a final on-field research taking advantage of their stay in Italy.

Outcomes:

To learn how Italian migrants participated in building the US; to appreciate the contributions of Italian migrants to US culture, to use the time in Italy to explore Italian cultural roots