Communication in Rome, Reimagined

June 14-July 11, 2021 (4 weeks)

SPCM 381A3: Virtual Bridging of Cultures: Italy/USA

This course will familiarize you with theory, concepts, principles, research methods, and practical skills in the areas of intercultural and cross-cultural communication, construction and negotiation of Italian identity (*italianità*), and strategies of an effective dialogue with a global mindset. The aim of the course is to transform its participants into culturally aware and skilled critical citizens with a profound understanding of the phenomenon of Italian national identity and rigorous experience of cultural bridging.

SPCM 481A3: A Cinematic Voyage to Rome, Italy

During our virtual voyage, students will analyze critically acclaimed films that are set in Rome, Italy, with special emphasis on cinematic representations of famous Roman monuments, buildings, fountains, and streetscapes. In addition, we will consider cinema as an expression of national or international culture, aesthetics, values, and politics, and explain the worldwide significance of the Italian film industry. This class counts towards the minor in Film Studies.
Important features of our online offerings:

1. Our courses will continue to provide students with a vivid intercultural experience, focusing on Italian history, art, architecture, cinema, popular music, gender roles, and cultural values and mores.

2. Both of our classes are hands on, with regular and meaningful interactions with the professors and classmates.

3. We will be encouraging students to take both of our classes simultaneously because they will complement each other extensively. Students who enroll for 6 credits in the summer may use their CSU financial aid package.

4. “All roads lead to Rome.”

If you would like additional information about our online classes, please contact us at:

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We would enjoy sharing our love of Italian culture with you during the second 4-week semester. You may register immediately for the SPCM prefix. Both courses may be taken as Honors classes (listed as HONR 392 and 492). Please consider signing up!

Sincerely,

Carl R. Burgchardt and Julia Khrebtan-Hörhager