



Culinary Crossings: Exploring Mediterranean Food Systems through Photography

FST 300.1: Culinary Crossings: Exploring Mediterranean Food Systems through Photography (3 credits)

April 29 - May 10, 2021
Southern Italy: Puglia & Matera

The Program

Culinary Crossings: Exploring Mediterranean Food Systems through Photography is a Signature Seminar offered as a post-semester seminar for students attending Syracuse Florence Center. The seminar invites you to consider:

- What are the key features of Mediterranean food systems?
- How does photography provide a new approach in analyzing food practices?
- How are the food practices of local systems used to understand the Mediterranean identity?

You will travel throughout Southern Italy to capture and savour the beauty of the region. Experience first-hand the natural beauty of the Southern Italian coast, countryside and local architecture on camera, while living and experiencing the traditions and the flavours of the Mediterranean food system. This seminar analyzes the issues from a food-systems perspective that investigates how meaning is conveyed through food. Photography provides a unique methodological approach in order to analyze how food practices express local and regional identities. Through selected readings, in-class discussions and fieldwork, you will develop a better understanding of other food cultures and of the relation between food cultures and cultural and personal identity.

Through semester coursework and field learning, you will develop the analytical tools necessary to conceptualize meaning and identity in the Mediterranean context, and to translate this to an American context, both historically and contemporaneously.

Application

To apply, log into the Syracuse Abroad application portal and indicate that you are interested by **Monday, November 16**. If accepted, you must pay a \$300 non-refundable deposit to the Syracuse Abroad office by December 1.

Eligibility and Admission

All students accepted for the spring 2021 semester in Florence can apply for this seminar. Space is limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis.



Costs

The seminar program fee of \$2,500 covers ground transportation during the program, entrance fees to all seminar sites, hotel accommodations and some meals. Check with your financial aid counselor to determine if your financial aid can be applied toward the seminar fee. You will be responsible for your return airfare to your home country after the program ends.

Your Seminar Leaders

Dr. Olivier de Maret is a social and cultural historian specialized in food studies. His research interests focus on alternative food systems, Italian food history, and the relationship between food, migration, and identity.

Co-led by Stefania Talini, a professional photographer and professor of photography. Since 1980, her work has focused predominantly on the music and fashion industries. From 1985 to 2000, she was the official photographer for Florence's Pitti Immagine. Both Olivier and Stefania are based at the Syracuse Florence Center.

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