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School of Communications, Arts & Social Sciences

Course: HST 5820 - History of the Italian Mafia (3 credits)
Semester: Spring 2018
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Class Location: Y (Piazza Sant'Andrea della Valle, 6)
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This syllabus should be read in conjunction with the [Course Specification Document](#) from which it is derived; the [University Catalogue](#); and the relevant [Programme Specification](#) (all accessed via the admitted students section of the University's website <http://www.richmond.ac.uk>)

Course Description:

ITALIAN STUDY CENTRES ONLY. This course explores the history of the Italian Mafia from the national unification of Italy until the present day. Topics studied include relationships within the organization, those between the Mafia and Italian Politics, and those between the Italian and the American Mafia.

Prerequisites: GEP 4180 Research and Writing II.

Aims and Objectives:

The course aims to analyse the Italian Mafia through different but closely related perspectives: political, historical and sociological. We study the history of the Mafia from the Unification of Italy until the present day. The focus is on the Mafia's political and social history, leading to the story of the American Mafia to which it gave birth. We also discuss attempts to fight the Mafia and analyse the reasons for the successes and failures of the anti-Mafia struggle.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

- demonstrate a detailed, critical understanding of the fundamental aspects of the history of the Italian Mafia, including :
 - the socio-political relationship between the Mafia and Italian politics
 - the historical origins of the Italian Mafia
 - the social relationships within the organization
 - the social relationships between the Mafiosi and the external world
 - the few similarities and the many differences between the Italian and the American Mafia
 - the Mafia as an aspect of Italian political culture.

Relevant threshold criteria (to get a grade of C):

- 1) Students must give proof of a developed understanding of the relationship between current Italian political events the Mafia criminal activities studied in class.
- 2) Students must be able to discuss critically the “Southern Question” (*Questione Meridionale*).
- 3) Students must give proof of a developed understanding of the institutions, rules, and social organization of the Mafia.
- 4) Students must be able to relate critically on the relationships between the Mafiosi and the current Italian political, social and economic Institutions.
- 5) Students must be able to analyze critically the differences and similarities between the Italian and the American Mafia.

Programme outcomes are listed in the programme specifications found at <http://www.richmond.ac.uk/programme-and-course-specifications/>

Teaching Methods:

The course is based around in-class lectures complemented by some relevant site visits. During the first hour of class, we will cover historical aspects of the Mafia. In the second half, a sociological analysis of the phenomenon will be developed through class debates and short excerpts from documentaries and movies relevant to the issues covered.

Assessment Criteria	Weighting	Date Assessed	Word Count
Final Exam	40%	Wednesday, May 9 th	2 hours
Research Paper	40%	Wednesday, April 18 th	2,000/2,500 words
Presentations and reports	20%	Assessed weekly	500/1,000 words
Total	100%		

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved Academic Board (formerly Learning & Teaching Policy Committee) and located at:

<http://www.richmond.ac.uk/admitted-students>

This class follows the Late Submission of Coursework Policy and Feedback Norms outlined below and found at <https://my.richmond.ac.uk/myacademics/default.aspx>

When conducting research (including class-wide projects, senior seminars and personal research) using data gathered from human participants, all students and faculty members should consider that ethical approval for their work may be needed. Please consult the Richmond Ethics Committee Guidelines and Processes. Questions may be directed to researchethics@richmond.ac.uk.

Final Exam

Wednesday, May 9th

The exam will cover the entire semester programme. Students will choose two themes out of the four proposed, and will write two well organized essay.

Research Paper

Due on Wednesday, April 18th

Students must produce a final research paper (2,000/2,500 words) on an agreed topic that has coherent structure, articulated argumentation and draws on material that has been researched and selected through independent study.

The topic should be precisely defined and worth of investigation. In order to produce their final paper, students will keep a portfolio of research materials during the semester. The portfolio will be shared with, and evaluated by the instructor. The production of the final paper is a work in progress during the semester.

Paper format:

- Cover page: title, student's name, course name, instructor's name, semester, year.
- Text pages: a well organized research paper with:
 - an introduction,
 - a body with critical analyses and evidence presented,
 - a conclusion.
- Standard English style with footnotes (when appropriate) is requested.
- Additional materials (when appropriate) - charts, maps, photos, other materials.
- Bibliography pages, listing the journal articles and electronic references.

Note:

Handwritten papers are not accepted.

Paper topics and titles must be agreed with and pre-approved by your Professor.

All papers are checked for plagiarism through *Safe Assign*.

In-class written reports

Assessed weekly

Based on weekly assignments, films, guest speakers, and field trips.

Presentations (oral reports)

Assessed weekly

Students are requested to give a short individual or team presentation on a specific topic of their choice related to the class program. The presentation will be well-organized, concise, and include (when opportune) audiovisual and electronic materials.

Please note that according to academic regulation, make up examinations will only be given in the event of medically documented illness or family death. Students leaving the program early will not be granted credit. Please make travel arrangements in accordance with this pre-arranged course schedule.

Marking Scheme:

There will be variations within the grade band that will be recorded using +/- qualifiers.

Descriptor	Grade	GPA	Detailed Descriptor
Excellent	A	4.0	Grade A applies only to work which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is of excellent to exceptional standard • demonstrates in-depth knowledge and understanding • demonstrates substantial work and original thought has been involved • makes use of very high quality analysis, synthesis, evaluation and critical appraisal • is organised and structured to a high standard
	A-	3.7	
Good	B+	3.3	Grade B applies to work which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is of good to very good standard • demonstrates sound and good quality of knowledge and understanding • demonstrates good quality analysis, synthesis, evaluation and critical appraisal • indicates an increasing ability to incorporate meaning into the work and understand key theories, debates and criticisms • is well organised and structured
	B	3.0	
	B-	2.7	
Satisfactory	C+	2.3	Grade C applies to work which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is adequate although undeveloped • fulfils the requirements of the project at a foundation level in terms of its quality, analysis and expression • limited level of research and understanding of key theories and debates • is organised and presented in a satisfactory form
	C	2.0	
Below Average	C-	1.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • falls below the threshold criteria • demonstrates limited knowledge and understanding • demonstrates minimal attention to quality, range, and appropriateness of research • normally passing grade at course level
Minimal Achievement	D+	1.3	Grade D applies to work which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is of a poor standard • has been produced without a proper understanding of the brief demonstrating confusion • is weak in content and shows little evidence of thought or application • relies on weak or superficial technique • incorporates insufficient research and/or inappropriate sources • is organised and presented poorly • normally passing grade at course level
	D	1.0	
	D-	0.7	

Fail	F	0	Grade F applies to work which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is of very poor standard • has not been submitted or has been submitted beyond the project deadline • shows a complete lack of content, thought or application • makes no or insufficient use of analysis and relevant skills • is the product of academic misconduct • does not fulfil the brief • failing grade at all levels
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US/UK Grading Equivalency Scale. The following chart outlines for students the ways in which Richmond's US grades and UK grades align. All marking at Richmond will continue to be expressed in terms of US letter grades and GPA. The UK degree classification equivalence applies to the UK GPA calculated at the conclusion of a student's BA degree, and is further explained by the Degree Classification Document found at: <https://my.richmond.ac.uk/myacademics/default.aspx>

US letter Grade	Absolute Grade Pt Value per letter grade (graded activity)	Univ GPA Bordelines for Overall Course Grades and Degree Classification	OU Performance Standard	OU% Scale Score	US Percentage range	UK Degree Classification
A	4	>=3.85	Excellent Pass	70-100%	94-100	1
A-	3.7	3.84 - 3.55			90-93	
B+	3.3	3.54 - 3.15	Very Good Pass	60-69%	87-89	2:1
B(to pure B)	3	3.14 - 3.0			85-86	
B (borderline B)	3	2.99 - 2.85	Good Pass	50-59%	83-84	2:2
B-	2.7	2.84 - 2.55			80-82	
C+	2.3	2.54 - 2.15	Third(Pass)	43-49%	77-79	3
C (to pure C)	2	2.14 - 2.0			75-76	
C (to borderline C)	2	1.99 - 1.85	Pass (Non-Hons)	40-42%	73-74	Pass
C-	1.7	1.84 - 1.55	Fail *	Fail *	70-72	Fail
D+	1.3	1.54 - 1.15			69 and lower	
D	1	1.14 - 0.85				
D-	0.7	0.84 - 0.55				
F	0	<0.55	Fail	Fail		

*Note that this Fail is an OU Performance Standard for both modules and degree classification. It is normally possible to pass a Richmond course with a C- or D range grade (note, however, that some courses have approved minimum pass marks that are higher than D-). It is not possible to obtain a Richmond degree with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0.

Required Texts/Reading:

- Dickie, John, *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*, Hodder & Stoughton, 2007.
- Foot, John, *Modern Italy*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.
- Supplementary reading materials to be assigned in class (*assigned readings*).

Recommended Reading:

- Behan, Tom, *See Naples and Die. The Camorra and Organized Crime*, I. B. Tauris Publishers, 2002.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF2**
- Bolzoni, Attilio, *White Shotgun*, Pan Books, 2014.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF42**

- DeVico, Peter J., *The Mafia Made Easy: The Anatomy and Culture of La Cosa Nostra*, Tate Publishing, 2007.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF5**
- Dickie, John, *Mafia Republic*, Sceptre, 2013.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF41**
- Duggan, Christopher, *Fascism and the Mafia*, Yale University Press, 1989.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF45**
- Falcone, Giovanni; Padovani, Marcelle, *Men of Honour: The Truth about the Mafia*, Warner Books, 1993.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF39**
- Fiandaca, Giovanni (ed.), *Women and the Mafia: Female Roles in Organized Crime Structures*, Springer, 2010.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF16**
- Finckenauer, James O., *Mafia and Organized Crime: A Beginner's Guide*, Oneworld Publications, 2007.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF7**
- Follain, John, *The Last Godfathers*, Hodder, 2009.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF23**
- Glenny, Misha, *McMafia: Seriously Organized Crime*, Vintage Books, 2009.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF14**
- Jamieson, Alison, *The Antimafia: Italy's Fight Against Organized Crime*, Macmillan Press, 2000.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF21**
- Lane, David, *Into the Heart of the Mafia: A Journey Through the Italian South*, Profile Books, 2010.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF13**
- Maran, A. G. D., *Mafia: Inside the Dark Heart*, Mainstream Publishing, 2009.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF15**
- Orlando, Leoluca, *Fighting the Mafia and Renewing Sicilian Culture*, Encounter Books, 2001.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF10**
- Paoli, Letizia, *Mafia Brotherhoods: Organized Crime, Italian Style*, Oxford University Press, 2003.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF28**
- Pickering-lazzi, Robin, *Mafia and Outlaw Stories from Italian Life and Literature*, University of Toronto Press, 2008.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF6**
- Raab, Selwyn, *Five Families: The Rise, Decline, and Resurgence of America's Most Powerful Mafia Empires*, Robson Books, 2006.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF32**
- Reppetto, Thomas, *American Mafia: A History of Its Rise to Power*, Owl Books, 2004.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF26**
- Saviano, Roberto, *Gomorrah*, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF3**
- Schneider, Jane C.; Schneider, Peter T., *Reversible Destiny: Mafia, Antimafia, and the Struggle for Palermo*, University of California Press, 2003.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF30**

General Readings:

- Arlacchi, Pino, *Mafia Business: The Mafia Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, Oxford Paperbacks, 1988.
- Calderone, Antonino; Arlacchi Pino, *Men of Dishonor: Inside the Sicilian Mafia: An Account of Antonino Calderone*, William Morrow & Co., 1993.
- Follain, John, *A Dishonoured Society: The Sicilian Mafia's Threat to Europe*, Warner Books, 1996.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF43**
- Gambetta, Diego, *The Sicilian Mafia: The Business of Private Protection*, Harvard University Press, 1996.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF18**

- Hammer, Richard, *The Vatican Connection*, Penguin Books, 1983.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF44**
- Hess, Henner, *Mafia & Mafiosi*, C. Hurst & Co. (Publishers) Ltd., 1998.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF34**
- Lewis, Norman, *The Honoured Society: The Sicilian Mafia Observed*, Eland, 2003.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF9**
- Longrigg, Clare, *Mafia Women*, Chatto & Windus, 1997.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF22**
- Lumley, Robert; Morris, Jonathan (eds.), *The New History of the Italian South: The Mezzogiorno Revisited*, University of Exeter Press, 1997.
Richmond Library code: **PS 52**
- Robb, Peter, *Midnight in Sicily*, The Harvill Press, 1998.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF29**
- Schneider, Jane, (ed.), *Italy's "Southern Question": Orientalism in One Country*, Berg, 1998.
Richmond Library code: **PS 42**
- Seindal, René, *Mafia: Money and Politics in Sicily 1950-1997*, Museum Tusculanum Press, 1998.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF19**
- Siebert, Renate, *Secrets of Life and Death: Women and the Mafia*. Verso, 1996.
- Sterling, Claire, *The Mafia: How the Sicilian Mafia Controls the International Underworld*, Harper Collins Publishers Ltd., 1991.
- Stille, Alexander, *Excellent Cadavers: The mafia and the Death of the First Italian Republic*, Vintage, 1996.
Richmond Library code: **PS MF20**

Full Course Schedule – Spring Semester 2018 HST 5820

Week 1

Introduction. Methodology. Terminology. Italy: The Nation and the State. Institutions, rules, and organizations. The law, protecting the state, and keeping order.

Mon, Feb. 19

Reading Assignments:

- Foot, J., *Modern Italy*. Pp. 1-44.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Readings:

- Bull, M. J., Newell, J. L., "Political Culture", in: *Italian Politics*, Polity 2008. Pp. 63-80.

Wed, Feb. 21

Reading Assignments:

- Foot, J., *Modern Italy*. Pp. 44-68.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Readings:

- Eve, M., "Comparing Italy", in: Forgacs D.; Lumey R., *Italian Cultural Studies*, Oxford, 1996. Pp. 34-51.
- Lupo, S., "The Mafia" in: McCarthy P. (ed.), *Italy Since 1945*, Oxford, 2000. Pp. 153-170.

Film (excerpts): Visconti, L., *The Leopard*. (1963).

Week 2

Italy: Society and politics. Italian economy. The “Southern Question”. Political parties. Corruption, clientelism, and patronage. Informal Institutions.

Mon, Feb. 26

Reading Assignments:

- Foot, J., *Modern Italy*. Pp. 69-97.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Readings:

- Ginsborg, P., “Corruption and Mafia”, in: *Italy and Its Discontents*, Penguin, 2001. Pp. 179-212.
- Davis, J. A., “Changing Perspectives on Italy’s Southern Problem”, in: Levy, C., *Italian Regionalism*, Berg, 1996. Pp. 53-68.

Wed, Feb. 28

Reading Assignments:

- Foot, J., *Modern Italy*. Pp. 97-130.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Readings:

- Shin, M. E., Agnew J. A., “Party Replacement...”, in: *Berlusconi’s Italy*, TUP, 2008. Pp. 46-64.
- Bull, M. J., Newell J. L., “Informal Institutions”, in: *Italian Politics*, Polity 2008. Pp. 98-114.

Film (excerpts): Sorrentino, P., *Il Divo*. (2008).

Week 3

The origins and the genesis of the Mafia 1860-1876. Men of honor. Dr. Galati and the Lemon Garden. Initiation. The violence Industry.

Mon, Mar. 5

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. XI-XXII, pp. 1-18.
- Foot, J., *Modern Italy*. Pp. 131-152.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Readings:

- Seindal, R., “Mafia: Background and Terminology”, in: *Mafia: Money and Politics*, TUP, 1998. Pp. 11-23.
- Siebert, R., “A Men Only Society”, in: *Secrets of Life and Death*, Verso, 1996. Pp. 13-27.
- Duggan, C., “The Concept of Mafia”, in: *Fascism and the Mafia*, New Haven, 1989. Pp. 15-19.

Film (excerpts): Mascagni, G., *Cavalleria Rusticana*. (1890).

Wed, Mar. 7

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 19-64.
- Foot, J., *Modern Italy*. Pp. 152-179.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Gambetta, D., "The Industry of Protection", in: *The Sicilian Mafia*, Harvard, 1993. Pp. 55-33.
- Paoli, L., "Secrecy and Violence", in: *Mafia Brotherhoods*, Oxford, 2003. Pp. 101-140.

Film (excerpts): Coppola, F. F., *The Godfather - Part I*. (1972).

Fri, Mar. 9

Visit to Rebibbia Rome State Prison. (**MANDATORY:** *Counts as two classes*)

Week 4

The Mafia enters the Italian system 1876 - 1890. The Favara brotherhood. The Mafia as an instrument of local government. Corruption in High Places.

Mon, Mar. 12

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 65-152.
- Foot, J., *Modern Italy*. Pp. 180-254.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Siebert, R., "The Family", in: *Secrets of Life and Death*, Verso, 1996. Pp. 28-47.
- Gambetta, D., "The Industry in Sicily", in: *The Sicilian Mafia*, Harvard, 1993. Pp. 100-127.
- Falcone, G., "Violence", in: *Men of Honour: The Truth About the Mafia*, Warner Books, 1993. Pp. 1-28.
- Gambetta, D., "The Industry of Protection", in: *The Sicilian Mafia*, Harvard, 1993. Pp. 15-33.
- Arlacchi, P., "The Mafia and Mafiosi...", in: *Mafia Business*, Oxford, 1988. Pp. 3-55.

Film (excerpts): Coppola, F. F., *The Godfather - Part II*. (1974).

Week 5

Mid-Term Verification Test and Review.

Mon, Mar. 19

Review for Mid-Term Verification Test

Wed, Mar. 21

Mid-Term Verification Test
(does not count towards final grade)

Week 6

The Mafia, Socialism and Fascism 1893 – 1943. Corleone. The Mafia establishes itself in America 1900-1941. Joe Petrosini. Mafia theories.

Mon, Mar. 26

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 153-171.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Duggan, C., "Sicily, Fascism, and the Mafia", in: *Fascism and the Mafia*, New Haven, 1989. Pp. 95-120.
- Duggan, C., "Epilogue", in: *Fascism and the Mafia*, New Haven, 1989. Pp. 258-274.

Film (excerpts): Scimeca, P., *Placido Rizzotto*. (2001).

Wed, Mar. 28

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 172-192.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Reppetto, T., "A Place in the Sun: Italian Gangs of New York", in: *American Mafia*, Holt, 2004. Pp. 18-35.
- Paoli, L., "The Italian and American Mafia", in: *Mafia Brotherhoods*, Oxford, 2003. Pp. 51-82.
- Reppetto, T., "Prohibition: The Mobs Strike a Bonanza", "The 'Get Capone' Drive: Print the Legend", "Lucky: The Rise and Rise of Charlie Luciano", in: *American Mafia*, Holt, 2004. Pp. 91-147.

Film (excerpts): Porporati, A., *Il dolce e l'amaro*. (2007).

RESEARCH PAPER TOPIC CONFIRMED

Mon, Apr. 2

SPRING BREAK

Fri, Apr. 6

Week 7

War and Rebirth: 1943-1950. Honoured Society. Don Calò. The Grecos. Salvatore Giuliano: The last bandit. The Mafia and the Cold War. Mafia and politics in the 50's and 60's. Tommaso Buscetta.

Mon, Apr. 9

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 193-241.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Paoli, L., "Mafia, State, and Society", in: *Mafia Brotherhoods*, Oxford, 2003. Pp. 178-219.
- Lyman Potter, R., "Organized Crime", in: *Models of Organized Crime*, Prentice Hall, 1997. Pp. 39-61.
- Seindal, R., "The Political Mafia", in: *Mafia: Money and Politics*, MTP, 1989. Pp. 117-154.

Film (excerpts): Turco, M., *In un altro paese*. (2006).

Wed, Apr. 11

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 241-268.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Lyman Potter, R., "Undermining Civil Society", in: *Organized Crime*, Prentice Hall, 1997. Pp. 316-324.
- Schneider, J.; Schneider, P. T., "The Mafia and the Cold War", in: *Reversible Destiny*, UCP, 2003. Pp. 49-80.
- Di Maria, F., "Mafia: A Group Matter", in: *The International Forum of Group Psychotherapy*. 9/1, 2001.

Film (excerpts): Giordana, M. T., *I Cento Passi*. (2001).

Week 8

The Sack of Palermo. God, Concrete, and Heroin. Mafia and Politics. The "First" Mafia war and its Consequences 1962-1969. The Antimafia. A phenomenon of Collective Criminality.

Mon, Apr. 16

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 269-318.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Falcone, G., "Power", in: *Men of Honour: The Truth about the Mafia*, Warner Books, 1993. Pp. 139-162.
- Schneider, J.; Schneider, P. T., "The Mafia and the Cold War", in: *Reversible Destiny*, UCP, 2003. Pp. 49-80.
- Di Maria, F., "The Mafia Feeling", in: *Group Analysis*, Vol. 30, 1997. Pp. 361-367.

Film (excerpts): Garrone, M., *Gomorra*. (2008)

Wed, Apr. 18

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 319-343.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Seindal, R., "Mafia, Building Booms", in: *Mafia: Money and Politics*, TUP, 1989. Pp. 73-90.
- Lyman Potter, R., "Transnational Organized Crime", in: *Organized Crime*, Prentice Hall, 1997. Pp. 316-317.
- Sterling, C., "Michele Sindona and the B-D.B. Scam", in: *The Mafia*, Harper & Collins, 1993. Pp. 236-253.

Film (excerpts): Placido, M., *Romanzo criminale*. (2005).

RESEARCH PAPER DUE

Week 9

The origins of the Second Mafia War 1970-1982. The rise of the Corleonesi. The Virtuous Minority. Eminent Corpses. The Maxi-trial.

Mon, Apr. 23

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 344-375.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Arlacchi, P., "The Mafia as Entrepreneurs", in: *Mafia Business*, Oxford, 1988. Pp. 83-160.
- Siebert, R., "Women with the Mafia", in: *Secrets of Life and Death*, Verso, 1996. Pp. 107-264.
- Sterling, C., "Palermo's Great Mafia War", in: *The Mafia*, Harper & Collins, 1993. Pp. 254-270.

Film (excerpts): Barletti, D.; Conte, L., *Fine pena mai*. (2008).

Wed, Apr. 25

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 376-403.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Jamieson, A., "The Political Response", in: *The Antimafia*, MacMillan, 2000. Pp. 40-74.
- Jamieson, A., "The Grassroots Antimafia", in: *The Antimafia*, MacMillan, 2000. Pp. 127-158.
- Sterling, C., "From the Pipeline to the Pizza Parlor", in: *The Mafia*, Harper & Collins, 1993. Pp. 223-135.

Film (excerpts): Risi, M., *Fortapasc*. (2009).

Week 10

Heroin: The Pizza Connection. Bankers, Masons, Politicians, and Mafiosi. From the *Mattanza* to the *Antimafia* Pool. After Capaci. The Mafia in Berlusconi's Italy. Current realities.

Mon, Apr. 30

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 404-433.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Arlacchi, P., "The Entrepreneurial Mafia", in: *Mafia Business*, Oxford, 1988. Pp. 187-212.
- Sterling, C., "Face to Face in a Court of Law", in: *The Mafia*, Harper & Collins, 1993. Pp. 343-360.
- Schneider, J.; Schneider, P. T., "Reversible Destiny", in: *Reversible Destiny*, UCP, 2003. Pp. 290-303.

Wed, May 2

Reading Assignments:

- Dickie, J., *Cosa Nostra. A History of the Sicilian Mafia*. Pp. 434-459.
- *Assigned readings*.

Recommended Additional Reading:

- Seindal, R., "Latest Developments", in: *Mafia: Money and Politics*, TUP, 1989. Pp. 171-178.
- Jamieson, A., "The International Response", in: *The Antimafia*, MacMillan, 2000. Pp. 159-199.
- Lewis, N., "The Death of Boris Giuliano", in: *The Honoured Society*, Eland, 2003. Pp. 253-257.
- Sterling, C., "The Heroin Pipeline", in: *The Mafia*, Harper & Collins, 1993. Pp. 207-222.

Week 11

Final Exam / Review for Final Exam

Mon, May 7 Review for Final Exam

Wed, May 9 FINAL EXAM

HIGHLIGHTS:

Field trips: The Italian Parliament, the Roman Prison, others. Guest speakers: Italian politicians, Police's representative, others.

REASONABLE CHANGES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONTENT OF THE SYLLABUS. STUDENTS WILL BE INFORMED IN WRITING OF ANY SUCH CHANGES.

All grades being used for OU-validated degrees are subject to confirmation at the University Examination Board.

Academic Policies (see also the [University Catalogue](https://my.richmond.ac.uk/Uniorg/catalogue) and the policies detailed at: https://my.richmond.ac.uk/Uniorg/policies_and_procedures/default.aspx)

Students must read and comply with all the requirements of the regulations and policies listed at the weblinks below. Students are expected to make themselves aware of the requirements of the Attendance Policy, the Lateness to Classes, Examinations Policy, the Late Submission of Coursework Policy and Exceeding Word Limit and Question Choice policy at the beginning of the semester.

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty is *any action by which a student in any academic exercise seeks to: claim credit for the intellectual or artistic work of another person; or uses unauthorized materials or fabricated information; or engages in an unauthorized editing process.*

You can find a list of the actions that might lead to you committing academic dishonesty on the web pages. If you are not sure about what would constitute dishonesty after reading the full policy details you should ask for more information from the course instructor, your academic advisor, another member of academic staff, the Writing Centre, or Student Affairs.

Full details of Richmond's Academic Dishonesty policy are found at:

<https://my.richmond.ac.uk/myacademics/default.aspx>

Students who are academically dishonest will receive a penalty for the work in question or the course as a whole (which may in turn impact upon their degree classification), depending on the importance of the work to the overall course grade and the judgment of the instructor and the relevant exam board.

The Richmond Attendance Policy:

In courses that meet twice a week no more than five absences are permitted.

Full details of Richmond's attendance and lateness policies are found at:

<https://my.richmond.ac.uk/myacademics/default.aspx>

The Attendance Policy is under review. Changes will be communicated.

Absence Recording:

Attendance is taken by instructors in on-line registers within the University's student records system during each course session and entered into the Self-Service record within 24 hours of each class.

Registers are updated as students add and drop courses, and attendance in all courses is taken from the first day the student registers for that course, including Add/Drop week.

Attendance is recorded at the beginning of the class session (see the University policy on Lateness to Classes). Any student not present in the class when attendance is taken is officially late for the session and must be marked as absent.

A student who enters within the first 20 minutes of a teaching session, but after attendance has been taken and an absence has been registered, is responsible for alerting the lecturer to their presence and negotiating a change to an attendance entry. Changing an entry is entirely at the discretion of the instructor, and such a change will not be considered at any other time than on the actual date of the class.

Students may review their attendance record for their courses at any time in their Self-Service accounts and are expected to remain alert to the number of their absences.

Every absence from class, regardless of reason, is recorded as Unexcused.

The University is obliged to report to UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) any student who is in the UK on a Tier 4 visa but who is not attending classes.

Late submission of academic work:

Any item of work submitted late will be subject to an automatic deduction of one increment on the letter grade scale (e.g. the grade will be reduced from B to B-, or from C- to D+) per day.

Any coursework submitted more than one week (seven days) after the original deadline will receive a grade of F.

Where there may be mitigating circumstances for the late submission the instructor must be informed in advance, by email, and evidence provided to the instructor *in writing* when the course work is submitted.

See the full late submission policy at: <https://my.richmond.ac.uk/myacademics/default.aspx>

Exceeding Word Limit and Question Choice:

The word limit is defined as the uppermost word limit in a range given to an assignment. Assessments are designed to enable the student to answer the assignment without going over the word limit. Penalties will be given for work that excessively exceeds the word limit. There is a 10% leeway before penalties apply.

See penalties and full policy at:

<https://my.richmond.ac.uk/myacademics/default.aspx>

Feedback Norms:

The university has defined expectations as to the nature and timeliness of feedback on assigned work. Students should make themselves aware of these norms, and they are located on the portal at:

<https://my.richmond.ac.uk/myacademics/default.aspx>

Examination Regulations:

Guidance on examination regulations and expected behavior for students is on the Academic Registry page of the Student Portal (<https://my.richmond.ac.uk/registration/exams/default.aspx>). However, please note particularly the following University Policies:

Midterm exams are normally held during the designated weeks published in the academic calendar found in the relevant [*University Catalogue*](#). Any faculty member wishing to hold a midterm on a different date requires the approval of the Dean, and will inform students accordingly.

Final exams are held over a five-day period following the last day of classes in the Fall and Spring semesters. Exams are not held in the same timeslots as class sessions. The dates of the official exam period are published in advance in the official academic calendar (see link above). Students are responsible for remaining in London until the end of the official examination period – the university reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the schedule. Any such changes to the schedule will be centrally-administered by the Academic Registry and reported to students.

Students and instructors may not make private arrangements to reschedule any University exams. Requests for an opportunity to re-sit must be made by petitioning the Academic Progress Committee <https://my.richmond.ac.uk/registration/forms/default.aspx>.

Final examinations in summer sessions take place on a single day following the last day of classes.

Students must bring their Richmond student ID card to every examination.

Academic support for studies:

The University Writing Center and Language Workshop are available to all students who want help with academic tasks. The University Mathematics Workshop is available to all students who need help with academic mathematics. Venues and times for these workshops are posted towards the end of the first week of the semester, and can be found under “Support for your studies” at <https://my.richmond.ac.uk/registration/procedures/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Library staff can help students with questions about research and/or accessing information. Book an appointment with a librarian (info@richmondinrome.it).

Students with Disabilities:

The University makes a variety of special provisions in exams and assessment for students with a diagnosed learning disability. Students must follow the requirements outlined at <http://www.richmond.ac.uk/student-life/support-for-students-with-disabilities/> for these arrangements to be made, and it is important that this is done in good time. The student and their instructors are informed of the provisions after they are approved, and reminders are sent to students and invigilators shortly before the examinations.