

GERO 499: FOOD, CULTURE, DISEASE AND LONGEVITY IN ITALY AND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

SUMMER ABROAD IN FLORENCE, ITALY INFO SESSION: 3:30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 2/13 IN GER 114



June 9th – June 29th, 2019

This 4 unit course examines the history of food in the Mediterranean in general and in Italy in particular from the Roman times to the present with references to the rich and various historical, political, economic, social, and artistic past of the peninsula.

“We only too readily associate the idea of food with the idea of nature. This linkage is, however, ambiguous and fundamentally inaccurate. The dominant values of the food system in human experience are, to be precise, not defined in terms of ‘naturalness,’ but result from and represent cultural processes dependent upon the taming, transformation, and reinterpretation of Nature.”

- Massimo Montanari



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