



Casa Italiana

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Casa Italiana will provide an introduction to different aspects of Italian culture with a special focus on Italy's traditions, language, and contemporary every-day life. Students in the Italian house will enjoy a unique learning experience in which the rich culture of Italy will be explored through a variety of monthly activities. Students do not need prior coursework in Italian language. We will adapt the language component of the course to program members' background. The only requirement is a genuine interest in Italian culture!

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Each member will broaden his or her understanding of Italian culture.

Bi-weekly meetings will be held to assess the progress of the program, to discuss issues concerning life in the suites, and to prepare the following events.

Fall Semester 2011:

We will start the new academic year with Dessert Night open to all Italian faculty members. Casa Italiana residents will be divided into groups. Each group will prepare a traditional Italian dessert. By this initiative, we intend to get to know the instructors of Italian at UVM.

Our bi-weekly program meetings will be introduced by a member responsible for presenting a current Italian event in any field, from politics to sport.

In order to further the knowledge of, and exposure to Italian cultural tradition, we will have nights devoted to century-old games like Tombola and card games (scopa, briscola) open to the entire L/L community. CI students will explain the rules and the history of these games. We think this could be a great activity for a Wednesday Night Gathering.

Other activities will include movie screenings. The movies will focus on immigration to Italy and the adjustments both newcomers and natives have to make regarding each other. We would like to include in this initiative the other Global Village houses in order to find similarities and differences in the way each culture relates to minorities. Once a month a

different residential program could show a movie. Information about the movie director and a brief introduction will precede the screenings and a discussion will follow. Flyers will be distributed inviting anyone who would like to attend.

We will keep an eye on program offerings at the Flynn Center and the Lane Series, and will attend a performance that is most relevant to Italian culture.

Spring Semester 2012:

We will carry on the activity of immigration in movies. Our exploration of Italian culture will continue with a Bocce tournament among the different GV programs to be organized by April. In addition, we would like to offer the opportunity to learn the century-old Italian dance Tarantella at one of the regular Wednesday Night Gatherings. We will have posters illustrating the history of this tradition



About the Global Village

This program is part of the Global Village Residential Learning Community (RLC). For UVM students interested in exploring other cultures, studying abroad, or pursuing lives and careers in an increasingly interconnected world, the Global Village may be just the place for you! Drawing on the resources of the Living/Learning Center and its dynamic network of student- and faculty-led programs, the community of learners that make up the Global Village will be engaged in coursework, lectures, concerts, exhibits, study sessions, faculty and peer mentoring, social connections with international students, group meals, and trips that:

- Explore the many connections among language, art and culture at regional, national, and international scales.
- Share disciplinary expertise within an environment that values a holistic approach to “living and learning.”
- Encourage formal and informal contacts among students, faculty, and staff within the Global Village, the Living/Learning Center, the other Residential Learning Communities, and the university as a whole.
- Aim to be a complement to existing international and cross-cultural programs at UVM.
- “Think globally and act locally” by outreach to the international community at UVM and within the greater Burlington area.

More information about the Global Village RLC can be found at: <http://www.uvm.edu/rlc>

AIS 095: The Global Village

AIS 095: The Global Village is a self-paced, one-credit course designed to help you get the most out of your experience as a citizen of the Global Village residential learning community. In addition to taking part in any courses that are required or recommended for your individual House, all new Global Village residents must enroll in AIS 095 for one credit during the fall semester (as must any returning Global Village student who has not yet satisfactorily completed the class). This course will be graded on a “Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory” basis. As this a self-paced course, there

will be no weekly class meeting time. Instead, you are expected to participate in an average of one House activity or one non-House cultural/educational event per week throughout the semester. Each House will have the opportunity to craft a “community learning plan” that will involve a combination of House and non-House activities that will fulfill the requirements of one-credit course. We’ll provide you with a list of suggested events and activities, or you can identify other events/activities with a cultural theme; you choose which ones you wish to attend. Finally, you should plan to attend the Global Village community meetings, which are periodically throughout the year.

We’ll provide you with a Global Village Passport; use it to keep track of your activities and explorations. In addition to documenting participation in your weekly events/activities, you will need to do reflective writing in the form of five short journal entries on the cultural/educational events that you participated in, along with a lengthier essay looking back on your most meaningful experience of the semester within the Global Village.

Returning Global Village students are also invited (but not required) to enroll in AIS 095 during the fall semester. Enrollment in AIS 096 for one credit during the spring semester is optional and encouraged for all students.

If you anticipate a problem with fulfilling this course expectation (such as if you will already be enrolled in 18 credits), please contact your Program/House director.

For more details about this course, visit: <http://www.uvm.edu/rlc/ais095096.pdf>

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