This course examines the development and functioning of the modern Italian political system. Its major themes include analysis of Italian history, core institutions, ideological traditions, parties, elections, the policy process, and the evolving importance of Italy within European integration.

**Evaluation:**
Your grade will be calculated on the basis on a mid-term and take-home final examination.

- **Mid-Term Exam, 14 February 2013**
  - (50%)
- **Final Take-Home**
  - due no later than 2:30 PM, 21 March 2013
  - (50%)

**120I Basic Readings**
  - (CP = Course Reader, available only from UniversityReaders)

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I. **Introduction: Snapshots of the Italian Regime and Parties**
   
   Di Scala, Intro, pp. xv-xx; Chapter 1.  
   D. Vogler, “Quality of Life and Happiness in Italy” (Spring 2005)

II. **Legacies of the Past: Foundations of Italian Politics**
   
   Di Scala, Chapters, 2, 4, 6 -16.  
   Newell, pp. 145-159.
Absalom,”The Fascist Regime”, in Italy since 1800, Chapter 6 (pp. 126-41)

Economist, 1999, “Giulio Andreotti, lingering symbol of Italy”

Optional:
Mammone and Veltri, eds. Italy Today: The Sick Man of Europe, Chapters 8,9.

III. Italy’s Core Institutions

Newell, The Politics of Italy Chapters 2, 3, 4
Di Scala, chapters 21-23

In Chandler, ed. CP 2013:

Spotts, F. and T. Wieser, “Parliament, Prime Minister and President”, ch 6, Italy, a Difficult Democracy).
Donadio, R. “From Ceremonial Figure to Italy’s Quiet Power Broker”, NYT, 2011

IV. Political Forces: Partitocrazia, Elections and Electoral Systems

Newell, The Politics of Italy, Chapter 7
Di Scala, Chapters 18, 10.

In Chandler, ed. CP 2013:
Bardi, Luciano 2004, “Party Responses to Electoral Dealignment in Italy”, in CP

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V. Italy’s Economic and Social Challenges

Newell, The Politics of Italy, Chapters 6, 8.
Di Scala, Chapter 20.
In Chandler, ed. CP 2013:

The Economist, 21 May 2005, “The real sick man of Europe”.


VI. Law and Order, Italian Style

Newell, The Politics of Italy, , pp. 159-172 (in Chap 5).

In Chandler, ed. CP 2013:

Graham, “Fraud in Italy’s Pension System” Financial Times, 6 Oct 1995,

Polvoledo, Eliz, “ Italy Intensifies Its All-Out War on Tax Evaders”, NYT 2012

Optional:
Waters, Sarah 1994 “Tangentopoli and the Emergence of a New Political Order in Italy” WEP 17,1, pp.169-82. (RR)
Spotts and Wieser, Chapter 10, 12,
Dickie, Cosa nostra,

VII. Regionalism, Mezzogiorno / Integration and Exclusion

In Chandler, ed. CP 2013:

Leonardi et al., “Italy - Territorial Politics ...”

Sanderson, R. “Bossi sees federal vote as key to new Italy”, Financial Times, 2011.

Donadio, R. “As its debts Mount, Sicily Risks Becoming the Greece of Italy”, NYT, 23 July 2012.

VIII. The Rise and Fall of Silvio Berlusconi

In Chandler, ed. CP 2013:

Barber, “Berlusconi’s burden: Italy’s economy languishes and reforms have

Donadio, R. And Polvoledo, E., “Berlusconi, magnetic and Divisive, Whose Politics were Personal”, NYT, 12 November 2011.

**IX. Italy in the New Europe / Monti’s Technocratic Government, 2011-2013**

Newell, *The Politics of Italy*, Chapter 10
Di Scala, chapter 17, 23.

In Chandler, ed. CP 2013:
*The Economist*, “Mario, put on your Toga”, 10 March 2012.


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**FINAL Take-home EXAMINATION:** to be distributed in last week of classes. The Take-Home Exam is due no later than 2:30 pm, 21 March 2013 in class. **Plagiarism will not be tolerated.** The University of California, San Diego policy requires that suspicious papers (i.e., take-home exams) will be run through *Turn It In* and referred to the Dean. Always cite work that is not your own. Direct quotes and paraphrases require full citations. When in doubt, ask the instructor or TA.

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**120I Reserve Reading List, Spring 2013**


**RR e-copies;**
Bardi, Luciano 2004, “Party Responses to Electoral Dealignment in Italy”,
Waters, Sarah 1994, “Tangentopoli and the Emergence of a New Political Order in Italy”. *West European Politics* 17, 1 pp. 169-82.