Italian culture has had a disproportionate impact on the world. It has produced a remarkable and globally relevant history, and it has generated some of the world’s greatest music, fashion, food, literature, architecture and cinema. This course aims to introduce students to many aspects of Italian culture and society and to examine how Italy’s contributions have influenced those around the world. Students will learn about Italy’s past and present through a selection of texts, films, photographs and videos, and other media. But why has Italy had such an impact on other cultures? In this course we will seek the answer.