What does an Italian comic book look like? What happened to Italian society during the Fascist era? Do Italians have zombie comics? When did the Mafia form?

These questions might seem unrelated to each other, but by the end of this course we will have explored both the history of Italian comics and the most important events of 20th century Italy. Each period will be introduced by explanatory materials, and then confronted with a wide array of comics from the early 1900s to the early 2000s. The breadth of this course, which combines history, culture and the review of fundamental grammar topics, will give you the chance to further your knowledge, comprehension and appreciation of contemporary Italian culture.

Taught in Italian. Counts toward the Italian minor and major. 4 credit hours.