**Preparatory work** as well as **class participation** are compulsory for **all participants**, and will grant **6 ECTS**. An evaluation mark is given for class participation.

Students needing **2 extra ECTS**, according to the credit transfer system of their home universities, are asked to prepare **in addition a research paper** on a chosen topic, to be sent over to the scientific tutor by **Sunday 1st September**.

Beside the **8 ECTS a final evaluation mark** will be awarded.

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**Preparatory work**

**Due: by the beginning of June**

**About 2 months before the Summer Schools starts**, participants will receive some papers recommended by the lecturers in preparation to each class activity. Papers will introduce the theme that will be deepened and discussed during the lecture.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Gather background information on the topics of the Summer School
- Gain an interdisciplinary perspective on the issues to be discussed in class
**Class participation**

**Due: throughout the Summer School**

Students are expected to **actively participate in class discussions** and to **show adequate knowledge** of the materials provided by lecturers and the scientific tutor. They are also expected to **engage** with other students and the tutor during the afternoon sessions (i.e., workshops and debates). The scientific tutor will be constantly present in class and will act as a mediator, also stimulating students’ participation and class debate.

**The simple attendance to the tutorial sessions does not grant the class participation mark.**

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Display a preliminary knowledge and critical understanding of the topics discussed
- Participate actively to class discussions and debates
- Have a sound and multidisciplinary understanding of Italian culture.

**Research paper**

**Due: by Sunday 1st September**

Participants who have chosen to get the 2 extra ECTS by preparing a research paper, are asked to **request the approval** on their own essay topic by the scientific tutor **during the Summer School**.

This is to be a thought-provoking exercise to stimulate students to independently explore in depth one of the topics addressed during the Summer School.

**By the end of July**, each student is required to **email in Word or PDF format** to the scientific tutor a one-page outline of the agreed research topic, methodology, and indicative sources for prior approval.

By Sunday 1st September, each student is required to email in Word or PDF format to the scientific tutor the research paper.

Paper length: 2,500 to 3,500 words (excluding footnotes and bibliography).

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Display a sound knowledge of the selected topic and a critical reflection on lectures and class discussion
- Analyse relevant aspects of the social and cultural reality of Italy.