Pizza and refreshments will be served!

The Italian Film Club offers an opportunity for students to discover a selection of Italian movies and to explore Italian culture and language. Movies are shown in Italian with English subtitles free of charge and all students enrolled in Italian language are welcome.

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 6 PM @ Language Center (THH 309K)**

**La Notte Prima Degli Esami--Oggi (The Night Before the Exams--Today)**

Directed by Fausto Brizzi, 2007 (102 mins)

This movie is the sequel to “Night before the Exams”, set in 1989 among high school teenagers. Instead, this film is set in 2006, on the night before the exams that coincides with the final soccer game of the Italian team for the World Championship in Germany. The plot revolves around Luca Molinari, divided between his love for Azzurra, a dolphin trainer, and the problems caused by his immature father.

**Monday, October 20, 2014, 6 PM @ Language Center (THH 309K)**

**Umberto D.**

Directed by Vittorio De Sica, 1952 (89 mins)

Frequently mentioned on lists of masterpieces of modern cinema, Vittorio De Sica’s Umberto D. transforms a simple character study into a painfully poignant drama. Umberto is an aging former civil servant, now retired on his scant government pension. He spends his time in his tiny room in Rome, with only his pet dog for companionship. His lonely life only grows worse when his limited income forces him to fall behind on his rent, leading his landlady to threaten him with eviction. He makes a desperate attempt to raise the needed money and protest the unfair treatment of senior citizens to the government, but he receives little response.

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 6 PM @ Language Center (THH 309K)**

**Il Comandante e La Cicogna (Garibaldi’s Lovers)**

Directed by Silvio Soldini, 2012 (108 mins)

This lighthearted comedy restores faith in the little man and the little woman in their plights to race for their dreams. Leo is a widowed plumber who struggles to support his two children: Maddalena, who is horrified when she discovers that her boyfriend has posted a video on the internet of the two of them making love, and her younger brother, nerdy Elia who spends his time feeding and talking to a stork named Agostina. Other characters are the lawyer Malaffano, who cheats honest people, and the ‘landlord’ Amanzio, who illegally demands rent from Diana, a starving artist who agrees to paint a mural for Malaffano. But this is how she meets Leo, who has provided a fake signature for Malaffano on an illegal house purchase in order to make enough money to defend his daughter’s case against the boy who placed the sex tape on the internet.

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 6 PM @ Language Center (THH 309K)**

**Io Sono L’Amore (I Am Love)**

Directed by Luca Guadagnino, 2009 (120 mins)

I Am Love tells the story of the wealthy Recchi family, whose lives are undergoing sweeping changes. Eduardo Sr., the family patriarch, has surprised everyone by naming both his son Tancredi and his grandson Edo as the successors to the reins of his massive industrial company. However, Edo dreams of opening a restaurant with his friend Antonio, a talented chef. At the heart of Tancredi’s family is his wife, Emma, a Russian immigrant who has adopted the culture of Milan. An adoring and attentive mother, Emma’s existence is shocked to the core when she falls deeply in love with Antonio and pursues a passionate love affair that will change her family forever.