

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIAL LIFE OF ART

Country

Singapore

Host Institution

National University of Singapore

Program(s)

National University of Singapore

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

127

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIAL LIFE OF ART

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOCIAL LIFE OF ART

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the anthropology of the arts. In contrast to art history and art criticism, anthropology takes art as fundamentally social. Indeed, art is a slippery category, and, rather than making ontological claims about its status ("what is art?"), anthropologists are more concerned with understanding its geographically and historically contingent meanings. Through a selection of readings and case studies, the course addresses what it means to study the arts anthropologically, and how such an approach might be applied across formal and informal settings, ranging from museums and galleries to everyday social life.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SC2225

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociology

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