# COURSE DETAIL

| HISTORY OF ART 1B: MAKING MEANING IN THE PREMODERN WORLD |
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| **Country**<br>United Kingdom - Scotland |
| **Host Institution**<br>University of Edinburgh |
| **Program(s)**<br>University of Edinburgh |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Lower Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Art History |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>20 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix**<br>B |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>HISTORY OF ART 1B: MAKING MEANING IN THE PREMODERN WORLD |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>HISTORY OF ART 1B |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>8.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units** |

5.30

**Course Description**

Art has shaped humanity's understandings of its place in the world for thousands of years. This course explores such issues while providing an introduction to Art History at the university level. Lectures generally cover material spanning from c.500 to c.1700, but range significantly earlier for certain parts of the world. The course builds on History of Art 1A, but can be also be taken independently. Material covered comes is global in scope, and is chosen to show how different premodern cultures made and used works of art and visual culture to more deeply understand their physical and spiritual worlds. This course introduces students to the discipline of Art History by looking at the intersections of art and knowledge amongst past cultures from across the globe. Virtually all human societies have long produced artworks to more deeply understand their worlds, grappling with natural life and what lies beyond, in scientific and spiritual terms. Case studies come from places such as medieval and renaissance Europe and the Islamic world, premodern east and south Asia and Africa, and prehispanic and colonial Latin America.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
HIAR08030

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**Host Institution Course Details**
https://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/25-26/dpt/cxhiar08030.htm

**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**
Edinburgh College of Art

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
History of Art

**Course Last Reviewed**
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