

COURSE DETAIL

QUEER AND TRANS SCREEN CULTURES

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Film & Media Studies

UCEAP Course Number

123

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

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UCEAP Transcript Title

QUEER& TRANS SCREEN

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores queer and trans screen cultures from film to television and digital media. Decentering white, cisgendered and male narratives that are often at the heart of studies of queer culture, the module introduces students to queer and trans stories that have been shaped – and often sidelined – by inequalities of race, class, (dis)ability, nationality, sexuality and gender identity. Drawing on debates about gendered and sexual fluidities and LGBTQ+ identity politics that have emerged from queer and trans studies, the course troubles the assumed relationship between visibility and progressive politics whilst considering questions of desire, authenticity, orientation, privilege, shame and pleasure. We ask: How do marginalised communities encounter and challenge the paradigms of dominant culture? (How) has digital production, distribution and exhibition transformed contemporary queer and trans representation? What are the conventions that shape understandings of queer and trans culture and the ongoing exclusions of multiply marginalised groups? Engaging with screen media alongside theoretical texts (and others that blur the lines between the two), students will consider radical approaches to the study of sexuality. Throughout, students will explore how contemporary media makers work through their attachments to and critiques of social movements of the twentieth century, with an attention to intersectionality, identity politics and the personal politics of social justice.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

6ABLCF03

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/queer-and-trans-screen-cultures>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Liberal Arts

Course Last Reviewed

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