

COURSE DETAIL

SCIENCE IN POPULAR CULTURE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University College London

Program(s)

University College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Film & Media Studies

UCEAP Course Number

110

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SCIENCE IN POPULAR CULTURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

SCI IN POP CULTURE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course studies the key role mass media play in the production of knowledge and in linking science with culture. Science in the media is important because it is what links the sciences to society. In this view media are crucial for reaching agreement about what counts as valid and valuable knowledge. They also play an important role regarding the way people can relate to the sciences. Media texts are the foundation material for this course. Students are encouraged to critically engage with different media such as newspaper articles, radio broadcasting, film and television documentaries, museum displays, and websites. In each case, students reflect on which scientific knowledge is communicated, how, by whom, and to which audience. This critical analytical work is supported by an overview of relevant secondary literature.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HPSC0013

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SCIENCE IN POPULAR CULTURE

Host Institution Campus

University College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History and Philosophy of Science

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