

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF THE ARTS

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

145

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF THE ARTS

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOCIOLOGY/THE ARTS

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

Looking at art sociologically involves questioning conventional understandings of "art" and "the artist." Who has the authority to decide what counts as art, and what social conditions allow for the idea of the "artist" to emerge? The sociology of the arts also entails investigating cultural institutions. How do organizations (such as academies, conservatories, companies, galleries and festivals) become established, and how do they shape artistic innovation? To see the arts from a sociological perspective means examining the relation between the arts and society. How is artistic activity affected or redefined by macro social processes (such as globalization), and what role can the arts play in micro-level processes that foster social cohesion, identity formation, and active citizenship? Through an exploration of theoretical perspectives and empirical studies, this course considers the role of art in the social, and the role of the social in art.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SCIL10083

Host Institution Course Title

SOCIOLOGY OF THE ARTS

Host Institution Campus

University of Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

School of Social and Political Science

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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