

COURSE DETAIL

TRAVEL, PLEASURE, AND POLITICS: THE EUROPEAN GRAND TOUR 1670-1825

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

London School of Economics

Program(s)

London School of Economics

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

111

UCEAP Course Suffix

Y

UCEAP Official Title

TRAVEL, PLEASURE, AND POLITICS: THE EUROPEAN GRAND TOUR 1670-1825

UCEAP Transcript Title

TRAVEL 1670-1825

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

Throughout the 18th century, thousands of young British men and women embarked on extensive journeys to continental Europe – an activity known as the Grand Tour. This course explores who these people were, where they went, and the reasons for their expeditions. For some, the Tour was the final stage of formal education; to others an opportunity for sexual adventures and pleasure-seeking. The course discusses the practical challenges of 18th-century travel, the political, religious, and cultural contexts of the Tour, as well as the key places to visit and the reasons for their popularity. It also considers what the Tourists brought back with them: from physical artefacts for public and private collections, to new ways of seeing and understanding the world. The course introduces students to the actual writings of the Tourists, showing how they experienced international travel and shaped the modern tourist industry.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HY323

Host Institution Course Title

TRAVEL, PLEASURE AND POLITICS: THE EUROPEAN GRAND TOUR 1670-1825

Host Institution Campus

London School of Economics

Host Institution Faculty**Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

International History

[Print](#)