# COURSE DETAIL

## ARTS, CULTURES AND POLITICS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

**Country**
Italy

**Host Institution**
University of Bologna

**Program(s)**
University of Bologna

**UCEAP Course Level**
Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**
Film & Media Studies Communication

**UCEAP Course Number**
150

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

**UCEAP Official Title**
ARTS, CULTURES AND POLITICS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**
ART CULTURE POLITIC

**UCEAP Quarter Units**
6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**
4.00

## Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. The course analyzes the connections between artistic practices and political issues in relation with the development and expansion of digital technologies. The course gives a historical-political perspective on the evolution of digitization from the birth of the internet to platform capitalism through a visual approach drawing on the main artistic movements that reflected on new technologies. The course is articulated into three parts. First, the course frames a political genealogy of the digital technologies, highlighting the philosophical issues they pose. For this reason, a brief history of the evolution of internet until the burst of platform capitalism is presented. Then, the course focuses on some of the main cultural paradigms about the technological innovation (Californian ideology, Transhumanism, Accelerationism, etc…) to analyze the way they frame the relationship between the digital and the human. Finally, the course explores how artists embedded and renewed such paradigms in their practices and how art changed thanks to the introduction of digital tools (artificial intelligence, NFT, etc.)

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
B1680

**Host Institution Course Title**
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**Host Institution Course Details**
https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/course-unit-catalogue/course-unit/2023/490476

**Host Institution Campus**
BOLOGNA

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**
LM in VISUAL ARTS

**Host Institution Department**
Arts - DARvipem

**Course Last Reviewed**
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