COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF DESIGN IN ITALY

Country

Italy

Host Institution

UC Center, Florence

Program(s)

Italian in Florence, Made in Italy, Florence

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Art Studio Art History

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

HISTORY OF DESIGN IN ITALY

UCEAP Transcript Title

HIST OF DESIGN ITAL

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course introduces the history of design in Italy from the post-war period to the present day and explores the connection between design and the rebuilding of Italy and the Italian economy, following the devastations of World War II. The link between Italian design and Italian identity, and the concept of 'Made in Italy', is explored through the study of design in different areas, including fashion, objects, transport, and furniture. By looking at the impact of Italian design outside of Italy and the emergence of global companies, including the main fashion houses, the course leads students to understand the importance of design both as part of the Italian economy and as a lens through which the world views Italy. Finally, through visits, lectures, case studies analyzed through a cross-cultural lens, and inclass discussions, the course builds awareness and inspires creativity for new projects in an ever-changing world and society, with an eye on sustainability, ethics, design justice, and life cycle assessment in today's market.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

UC Center, Florence

Host Institution Faculty

University of Minnesota

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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