COURSE DETAIL

ARTS OF ASTROLOGY: SCIENCE AND BELIEF FROM THE THIRTEENTH TO THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

Country
Ireland

Host Institution
Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)
Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Art History

UCEAP Course Number
158

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
ARTS OF ASTROLOGY: SCIENCE AND BELIEF FROM THE THIRTEENTH TO THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

UCEAP Transcript Title
ARTS OF ASTROLOGY

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units
3.30

Course Description

This course examines images of astrology found in illuminated manuscripts, astrological charts and talismans, playing cards, prints, maps, paintings and tapestries, as well as in architecture in the broad global early modern world to explore their political, medical, divinatory, and magical use. Considering the early modern Western astrology as the result of the intercultural exchanges from Greece, Babylon and India to the rest of the world via images and texts that translated diverse ideas on natural philosophy, the students will learn key concepts from Renaissance Neoplatonism and Hermeticism to discuss the reception of astrological knowledge in a variety of everyday objects. Students will also reflect on the role of astrological images in the transmission of Western knowledge (deemed magical or scientific) via colonization, as well as on the influence that early modern celestial observations taken forth by cutting–edge artifacts and novel circumnavigations around the world had on the global shaping of astrological imagery.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HAU33029

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Host Institution Course Details
https://www.tcd.ie/History_of_Art/undergraduate/tsm/arts-of-astrology.php

Host Institution Campus
Trinity College Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Art and Architecture

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