

## COURSE DETAIL

### CRITICAL APPROACHES TO THE ARTS: MUSIC & SOCIETY

**Country**

Italy

**Host Institution**

University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi

**Program(s)**

Bocconi University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Music Art History

**UCEAP Course Number**

137

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

CRITICAL APPROACHES TO THE ARTS: MUSIC & SOCIETY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

MUSIC & SOCIETY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

In this course, major musical styles and genres of the 20th century, within and beyond the Western canon, are presented and discussed from the theoretical, aesthetic, and socio-cultural points of view. The first part of the course focuses on the mutual influences between jazz and classical music in the first half of the 20th century. An analysis of musical ensembles, forms, and other structural elements leads to an understanding of how and to what extent these two distinct musical worlds influenced each other and in some cases even blended, making the stylistic categorization of some works uncertain. The second part of the course provides an in-depth study of musical genres and listening approaches in relation to the radical technological transformations of the 20th century, which leads to a reflection on the concept of art music and the problem of value in music. Students learn to identify and distinguish musical trends; assess how musical movements have informed contemporary society and recent history, and how society and history have fostered certain musical movements and for what reason; and evaluate how the dialogue between music and technology has evolved over the past decades, and predict potential future scenarios.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

30471

### Host Institution Course Title

CRITICAL APPROACHES TO THE ARTS II - MODULE I (MUSIC AND SOCIETY)

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### Host Institution Campus

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Social and Political Sciences

**Course Last Reviewed**

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