# COURSE DETAIL

## CRITICAL APPROCAHES TO THE ARTS

**Country**
Italy

**Host Institution**
University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi

**Program(s)**
Bocconi University

**UCEAP Course Level**
Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**
Art History

**UCEAP Course Number**
100

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

**UCEAP Official Title**
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**UCEAP Transcript Title**
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**UCEAP Quarter Units**
6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**
4.00

## Course Description

This course introduces students to the visual arts and to the questions and knowledge that they generate. Looking at a variety of artwork across different periods and media (painting, sculpture, graphic arts, photography and film, digital arts, video, etc.), and discussing some key themes/questions pertinent to artistic research and practice, this course advocates an understanding of the visual arts as a specific way of thinking about the world, knowing reality and acting upon it. This course encourages students to critically investigate a set of key issues, including: the status of the image and of representation; the nature of artistic creativity; the significance and implications of critical analysis; interpretation of the visual, particularly in relation to modernity. The course requires students to engage with a diverse range of secondary literature (historical and critical essays, biographies, literary texts, philosophical essays, etc.). This course combines traditional frontal teaching (lectures) with seminar-based activities. When possible, the course will also comprise on–site visits to relevant art collections, institutions and/or exhibitions. Visual analysis and critical thinking play a central role: image or text–based exercises are assigned throughout the course. Students are expected to participate in class discussions.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
30245

**Host Institution Course Title**
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**Host Institution Campus**
University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Social and Political Sciences

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