

COURSE DETAIL

CRITICAL APPROACHES 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**

CRITICAL APPROACHES TO THE ARTS

UCEAP Transcript Title

CRITICAL APPROACHES ART

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

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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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