

COURSE DETAIL

SUSTAINABLE FASHION IN ITALY

Country

Italy

Host Institution

UC Center, Florence

Program(s)

Made in Italy, Florence

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Environmental Studies Art History

UCEAP Course Number

111

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SUSTAINABLE FASHION IN ITALY

UCEAP Transcript Title

SUSTAINABLE FASHION

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

The course explores the unique landscape of sustainable fashion in Italy, highlighting the interplay between its rich historical, cultural, and artisanal heritage, and the contemporary surge in experimental and high-tech practices driven by R&D centers and emerging brands. Students examine how these two facets intertwine – both theoretically and in practice – shaping a dynamic and contemporary sustainable fashion scenario. Thus, the course delves into Italy's artisanal legacy in fashion and textile, presenting case studies of local craftsmanship and companies, accompanied by an overview of contemporary cutting-edge experiences, to assess their role in the current sustainable paradigm.

To this extent, students are primarily introduced to the historical development and meaning of sustainable fashion in the Italian context, to then focus on more recent trends in material innovations, design, and production processes. The contents of the course also cover the foundations of sustainable fashion as a global phenomenon, to critically reflect on its definition and to explore key sustainability principles. Classes are scheduled according to macro themes and employ a hybrid approach, blending theoretical knowledge (traditional lectures) with practical application through class activities (hands-on or meta design projects). An interdisciplinary perspective is adopted to demonstrate the possibilities of integration of ecology, philosophy, science and art in the design perspective. The course features field visits to local museums, institutions, and designers' studios to witness sustainability in action. Additionally, guest lectures from field experts and scholars provide specific insights or address key challenges.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

UC Center Florence

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