

COURSE DETAIL

FASHION, DRESS, AND IDENTITY

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix

N

UCEAP Official Title

FASHION, DRESS, AND IDENTITY

UCEAP Transcript Title

FASHION/DRESS & ID

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course provides students with a comprehensive, critical analysis of fashion. It provides historical context for the emergence of the fashion industry, examines theories that account for its development and the role it plays in modern societies, and explores critical responses to key issues facing the industry today. The course critically examines the idea that the emergence of fashion both shapes and reflects modern culture and society. From a historical perspective, and in terms of western fashion specifically, this means understanding how fashion has moved from being the preserve of an elite practice to an everyday one, charting its movement from courtly societies in Europe to 20th century spread of fashion to the high street and to subcultural fashions, and from a system of style controlled by a small group of elites (couture designers for example) to street style worn by "influencers." The course also explores the industry from a global perspective, challenging standard of classical narratives about fashion and decolonizing our understandings of the industry, to think about the different ways in which fashion has emerged, developed, and is engaged with and around the world.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

5AAIC014

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/fashion-culture-and-identity>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Culture, Media & Creative Industries

Course Last Reviewed

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