

COURSE DETAIL

AESTHETICS

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Bologna

Program(s)

University of Bologna

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

168

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AESTHETICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

AESTHETICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. At the end of the course, students master some of the main notions of philosophical aesthetics in order to use them as tools to account for contemporary phenomena in which the aesthetic plays a crucial role on the cultural and experiential levels. Students acquire a good degree of autonomy in analyzing aesthetic-philosophical texts concerning discussions carried out over the last few decades. In particular, the course stresses topics and problems that have emerged more recently in the international discourse and that pertain to the nexus between the experiential dimension, the elaboration of expressive languages, and the formal and design-related articulations taking place within the field of the aesthetics. The aim of the course is to reflect on the (dis-)continuity and the (a-)symmetry between the conceptual-theoretical and the operative-experiential levels, and thus contribute to the development of a critical and non-dogmatic attitude toward the contemporary horizon that characterizes the aesthetic.

The course addresses a category which has traditionally been either problematic for, or foreign to, aesthetics: function. The course shows that, when understood as something operative and transformative and not merely contemplative and conservative, the aesthetic possesses an inherent functional character. Aesthetic function is dealt with through different philosophical perspectives, ranging from pragmatism to critical theory, to the more recent everyday aesthetics.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

B4947,B8903

Host Institution Course Title

AESTHETICS (1) (LM)

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

BOLOGNA

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

LM in PHILOSOPHICAL SCIENCES

Host Institution Department

PHILOSOPHY

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