

COURSE DETAIL

FASHION VICTIMS: SUMPTUARY LAWS IN MEDIEVAL IRELAND, BRITAIN AND EUROPE

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

174

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

MEDVL FASHION LAWS

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

In the high and late middle ages, monarchs and urban governments across Europe enacted laws dictating what people could wear, what hairstyles they could have, what they could eat, what types of hawks they could hunt with, as well as creating a range of other restrictions on visual display. This course examines why. What was the purpose of these 'sumptuary' laws (as historians have named them)? What conditions led to their enactment? How did they differ across time and space? What types of people were regulated and who was allowed to dress as they pleased? Through weekly seminars, students interrogate these questions of the original sources and select a subset of sumptuary law to examine in their essay.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HIU33120

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty**

History

Host Institution Degree**Host Institution Department**

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