

## 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

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

<https://www.tcd.ie/history/assets/pdf/ug/25-26/list3/Fashiion.pdf>

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

History

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

**Course Last Reviewed**

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