

COURSE DETAIL

ADVANCED TOPICS IN AESTHETICS

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of Manchester

Program(s)

University of Manchester

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

172

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ADVANCED TOPICS IN AESTHETICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

ADV AESTHETICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course covers a selection of topics in contemporary philosophical aesthetics, as well as exploring some of the points of contact between aesthetics, ethics, and the philosophy of language. Students consider how to understand some distinctive aesthetic experiences, such as awe, amusement, horror, and the experience of the uncanny. Students discuss the nature of fictional representation and, in particular, examine some of the ways in which a fiction's representational content relies on far more than, e.g., the words on the page or the images on screen. This enables students to consider some questions about the ethics of representation, such as: What is an offensive joke? If I like to make my character do terrible things when I play a video game, does my behavior deserve criticism? How secure is the distinction between an extremely violent film that trivializes violence and an extremely violent film that implicitly critiques the representation of violence? And when, if ever, does the choice to perform a role amount to an endorsement of the actions we are representing?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PHIL30621

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-exchange/unit-sea...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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