

Course Description

Course Unit

Art and Science

UC Code

LAC1.85110

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

Faculty

Federico Lauria

Class

TP 1

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

Art matters and significantly enriches our lives. Among other benefits, artworks offer deep insights into the world. This course will explore the value and nature of art. Why is art important? How do artworks communicate meanings and express emotions, feelings, and ideas? Which role do emotions play in the enjoyment of art? Can art contribute to knowledge? Is art analogous to science? How does fiction move us? Why do people enjoy art that portrays negative emotions, such as tragedy, horror, and sad music? How are we to understand political uses of art? After all, what is art? The course will cover classical and contemporary theories of the Western philosophical tradition. It will include examples of artworks from various genres, periods, and cultures in order to

illustrate the investigations. It aims at making justice to the centrality of art in the individual and social life, with a special eye on what we can learn from art.

Grading and Assessment

Written exam about the content of the course.
Short essay (max. 2000 words) on a specific topic.

Bibliography

n/a

Prerequisites (if applicable)

n/a