



MINOR ARTS AND HERITAGE 2024-2025

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		Title	Code	ECTS	assessment
Period 1: 02-09-2024 / 25-10-2024	Course	Arts and Culture: Policy and Politics	ACU3005	12	grade
Period 2: 28-10-2024 / 20-12-2024	Course	Museum Meanings	ACU3004	12	grade
Period 3: 06-01-2025 / 31-01-2025	Course	Wicked problems: current issues in Policy, Art and Law	ACU3910	6	grade

Course Period 1: Arts and Culture: Policy and Politics

What is art? What is good art? What is the value of art and culture? Why and how should the government support or not support the arts: which art, whose culture? How about cultural participation? These are the main questions of this interdisciplinary course, which will provide the students with knowledge and analytical tools necessary for understanding the many different answers to the questions. The course combines an introduction in relevant literature and theories (art history, cultural history, cultural economics, and sociology of culture) with real life case studies. Students will do some collective fieldwork by preparing and conducting an interview with a professional in the arts and culture sector. Instruction language. The approach is international and comparative.

Course objectives

Students know and understand:

- different approaches towards art and cultural policy;
- main arguments in favour and against more or less state support for arts and heritage;
- effects of different forms of supporting arts and heritage;
- influence of political, societal and cultural contexts on these themes.

Course period 2: Museum Meanings

The central focus of this course is on museums, museum education and the dynamic relation between museums and society. Museums had and still have various tasks such as collecting, conservation, research and education. However, there are many different types of museums and the contemporary museum differs from museums in the nineteenth century, which were mainly visited by the middle classes. Nowadays participation and reaching a broad and diverse audience are important for the legitimation of museums. In order to fulfill these new societal function museums changed their presentations from object centered to context and visitor centered and cultural or museum education

has gained importance. In this course students will study the historic development of the museum as a institution, museum architecture, organisation, funding, exhibitions, education programmes, information and websites, through reading, lectures, discussions and working visits to museums.

Course objectives

- Students know, are able to identify and do understand different forms of museums;
- Students know and understand main issues in museum studies and the historic development of museums;
- Students know, understand are able to apply relevant learning and teaching theories in the context of museums;
- Students are able to evaluate a museum exhibition;
- Students are able to analyse debates with respect to cultural participation.

Assessment methods: Presentation and paper

Course period 3: Wicked problems: current issues in Policy, Art and Law

Prerequisites: Course ACU3005 and ACU3004

Description to be announced