**-. Aesthetic Experience in the Education of Minors**

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to offer a theoretical framework on the main issues that characterise the aesthetic experience in the contemporary age, with particular reference to aesthetic education projects for minors.

At the end of the course, students will be able to know and understand the complexity of the transformations in educational systems and services for minors, in relation to aesthetic-philosophical conceptions, historical-cultural contexts, individual and cultural identities, with focus on the analysis of minors’ peculiar relationship modalities.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The aesthetic experience today involves emotions, feelings, imagination, and desire, affecting the sphere of economic consumption and interpersonal relationships. Therefore, it is important to understand precisely what is meant by the human aesthetic dimension and how they can be educated, particularly in the delicate area of minors. The course aims to elaborate the meaning of the aesthetic experience in its formative value, as an alternative to the anesthetisation of feeling produced by the aestheticisation processes typical of contemporary life. In this regard the following will be analysed:

* aestheticisation processes today;
* aesthetic experience as an educational project;
* aesthetic education projects for minors.

***READING LIST[[1]](#footnote-1)***

L. Aimo - R. Diodato, *Un’idea di educazione estetica*, Scholè-Morcelliana, Brescia, 2021.

J. dewey, *Esperienza natura e arte*, Mimesis, Milan-Udine, 2015.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lessons in the classroom. The lesson can sometimes be carried out in seminar form in the presence of scholars or specialists of the various topics through the use of interactive teaching.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The exam is oral and will have as its assessment criteria: the knowledge developed on the course topics; preparation of the topics covered; learning the ability to reflect on different contents, discussing their applicability in specific contexts; in-depth knowledge of the contents of the volumes in the programme. Exam duration: 20-25 minutes.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Since this is an introductory course, there are no content-related prerequisites for attending it.

Information on office hours available on the teacher's personal page at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/>.

1. The textbooks indicated in the reading list can be purchased from University bookstores; they can also be purchased at other retailers. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)