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AESTHETICS

PHIL 245/345 S24 | prerequisites: second-year standing (for PHIL 245) or third-year standing (for PHIL 345). | The English word “aesthetics” comes from the Greek *αἰσθησις* whose primary meaning is *sense perception*. One might think, then, that aesthetics is the philosophical study of such perception. But it is also the study of beauty, in art and nature. In this course, we shall study and discuss the foundational texts in aesthetics in the ancient Greek and the early modern European periods. We shall also consider a number of 20th and 21st century contributions to Western aesthetics.

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