

Interpreting Artistic Images

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500240 Musicology	FB	1	2
2500241 Archaeology	FB	1	1
2500246 Philosophy	FB	1	1
2500501 History	FB	1	2
2502758 Humanities	FB	1	1

The proposed teaching and assessment methodology that appear in the guide may be subject to changes as a result of the restrictions to face-to-face class attendance imposed by the health authorities.

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

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Prerequisites

In the English-taught group, it would be desirable and advisable to have acquired a B1 or a B2 Grade in English to attend the course and complete the activities successfully.

It is also recommended to have some knowledge in Spanish, French and Italian (Reading Comprehension) in order to consult the specialized literature.

Objectives and Contextualisation

"Reading the Artistic Image" is an introductory subject designed to enable students to learn the techniques related to the perception of the work of art through the study of different works and supports. The objectives that have been defined for this subject contemplate that, once the course is finished, the student should be able to:

1. Distinguish the features that characterise the image and understand its composition.
2. Identify the different types of images and supports that make up visual language.
3. Understand the codes that form the image in order to be able to analyse it.
4. Show how the evolution of human thought has been a determining factor in the development of visual language.
5. Correctly interpret the historical and socio-cultural context in which the image in question has arisen.
6. Use the necessary resources to present work both orally and in writing in a coherent and appropriate manner, making use of the appropriate specific vocabulary.

Competences

Musicology

- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

Archaeology

- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
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Philosophy

- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

History

- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.

- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

Humanities

- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

Learning Outcomes

1. Accurately describing an artistic object with the specific language of art criticism.
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3. Analysing ideas about an artistic phenomenon in a given cultural context.
4. Analysing the creators of an artistic phenomenon in a specific cultural context.
5. Analysing the receiver of an artistic phenomenon in a specific cultural context.
6. Analysing the recipients of an artistic phenomenon in a specific cultural context.
7. Applying the iconographic knowledge to the reading of artistic imagery.
8. Applying the knowledge about aesthetic ideas and art theory to the analysis of the artistic imagery.
9. Conceptually analysing a work of the subject matter.
10. Critically taking part in classroom oral debates and using the discipline's specific vocabulary.
11. Distinguishing and analysing classical and current debates of the History of Art.
12. Drawing up an academic text using the discipline's specific vocabulary.
13. Engaging in debates about historical facts respecting the other participants' opinions.
14. Identifying appropriate critical and methodological tools in order to relate the different stages of art history.
15. Identifying proper critical and methodological instruments to narrate the different stages of History of Art.
16. Identifying the artistic imagery, placing it into its cultural context.
17. Summarising acquired knowledge about the origin and transformations experienced in its several fields of study.
18. Summarising acquired knowledge about the origin and transformations experienced in the several fields of anthropology.

Content

1. Approach tools (bibliography, resources, institutions). Periodization.
2. What we talk about when we talk about art. Art to understand the world. Art and society.
3. Styles and artists. Patrons. Public.
4. The artistic image and its codes of expression.
5. Old and new views on the history of art.
6. Reading images: forms and themes (iconography, genres, formats).

* Rather than closed chapters to be dealt with in that order, points 3-6 are framework themes that will accompany the subject and that will be specified and deepened as specific works (case studies) and themes are dealt with.

Methodology

On-site classes:

Theoretical and practical sessions.

Presentation and discussion, where appropriate, of work prepared by students.

Possible lectures.

Tutorials:

Methodological and bibliographical guidance.

Supervised activities.

** The teaching methodology and the evaluation proposed in the guide may undergo some modification subject to the onsite teaching restrictions imposed by health authorities.*

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Practical and theoretical sessions	60	2.4	9, 4, 6, 5, 3, 7, 8, 11, 15, 14, 16, 17, 18
Type: Supervised			
Methodological and bibliographic guidance	4	0.16	13, 10
Type: Autonomous			
Study	70	2.8	2, 1, 15, 14, 16

Assessment

The grade for the course will be obtained from the weighted average of the results obtained in the three evaluation exercises:

- Two partial Tests (40% each) individual and written exercises about the course content; each one scores 40% of the final grade per test.
- Supervised activity (20%) Directed activity to be specified by the professor, which may be an oral presentation, a course work, a reading review, a debate, etc....

Review

At the time of publication of the results of each evaluation activity, lecturers will inform students (on Moodle) of the procedures to be followed for reviewing all grades awarded, and the date on which such a review will take place.

Reassessment

- The date of the reassessment is set by the Faculty.

- The reassessment applies only to exams and can be taken under the following conditions:

- having been previously assessed in a set of activities whose weight is equivalent to a minimum of 2/3 of the total grade.
- having failed with an average overall grade of not less than 3.5.
- not having been able to take any of the exams for reasons conveniently documented at the time.

Non-assessable

Students will obtain a "Not assessable/Not submitted" course grade unless they have submitted more than 30% of the assessment items. Otherwise, the subject will be assessed.

IMPORTANT

- In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

- Total or partial plagiarism of any of the assessment activities will automatically be awarded a "fail" (that is, zero) for the plagiarised item. Plagiarism is copying from unidentified sources and presenting this as original work (this includes copying phrases or fragments from the internet and adding them without modification -or having translated them- to a text which is presented as original). Plagiarism is a serious offence. Students must learn to respect the intellectual property of others, identifying any source they may use, and take responsibility for the originality and authenticity of the texts they produce.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event that tests or exams cannot be taken onsite, they will be adapted to an online format made available through the UAB's virtual tools (original weighting will be maintained). Homework, activities and class participation will be carried out through forums, wikis and/or discussion on Teams, etc. Lecturers will ensure that students are able to access these virtual tools, or will offer them feasible alternatives.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Supervised activity	20%	12	0.48	15, 14, 16, 13, 10
Written test 1	40%	2	0.08	9, 4, 6, 5, 3, 7, 8, 2, 1, 11, 15, 14, 16, 17, 18
Written test 2	40%	2	0.08	9, 4, 6, 5, 3, 7, 8, 2, 1, 11, 12, 15, 14, 16, 10, 17, 18

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Software

No specific software is necessary. Although unlikely, if required later in the course, this would be indicated in due time.