

**Film Direction Techniques**

Code: 103035  
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2501928 Audiovisual Communication	OT	3	1
2501928 Audiovisual Communication	OT	3	2
2501928 Audiovisual Communication	OT	4	0

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: spanish (spa)  
Some groups entirely in English: No  
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No  
Some groups entirely in Spanish: Yes

**Teachers**

Ludovico Longhi

**Prerequisites**

It is recommended to have taken:

- Audiovisual Narrative
- Audiovisual Fiction Screenplay
- History of Cinema
- Cinematographic Language

It is necessary to have knowledge of audiovisual language and the history of cinema.

This subject has two professors: Miguel Ángel Martín-Pascual (1st semester) and Ludovico Longhi (2nd semester).

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

The subject aims to introduce the students into the knowledge of the different tasks that the film director must fulfill when it comes to carrying out his cinematographic project. Some processes will be dealt with based on the previous deficiencies from the writing of the script to the postproduction, through the preparation of the shooting, the planning of the sequences, especially the direction of actors, the filming itself and the edition. The second objective is the critical analysis of exemplary stylistic solutions, used by renowned exponents of the cinematographic art. Finally, the subject intends to relate and apply the conceptual and pragmatic reflections in the elaboration and realization of a specific cinematographic product.

## Competences

### Audiovisual Communication

- Demonstrate a critical and self-critical capacity.
- Demonstrate a self-learning and self-demanding capacity to ensure an efficient job.
- Demonstrate creative capacity in audiovisual production.
- Demonstrate ethical awareness as well as empathy with the entourage.
- Develop autonomous learning strategies.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and be able to relay ideas effectively in Catalan, Spanish and a third language.
- Disseminate the areas knowledge and innovations.
- Generate innovative and competitive ideas in research and professional practice.
- Manage time effectively.
- Respect the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Show leadership, negotiation and team-working capacity, as well as problem-solving skills.
- Use advanced technologies for optimum professional development.
- Use ones imagination with flexibility, originality and ease.
- Value diversity and multiculturalism as a foundation for teamwork.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Apply theoretical principles to creative processes.
2. Demonstrate a critical and self-critical capacity.
3. Demonstrate a self-learning and self-demanding capacity to ensure an efficient job.
4. Demonstrate ethical awareness as well as empathy with the entourage.
5. Develop autonomous learning strategies.
6. Develop critical thinking and reasoning and be able to relay ideas effectively in Catalan, Spanish and a third language.
7. Disseminate the areas knowledge and innovations.
8. Generate innovative and competitive ideas in research and professional practice.
9. Generate quality audiovisual products with innovative aesthetics.
10. Manage time effectively.
11. Master technological tools for audiovisual production.
12. Respect the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
13. Show leadership, negotiation and team-working capacity, as well as problem-solving skills.
14. Use advanced technologies for optimum professional development.
15. Use ones imagination with flexibility, originality and ease.
16. Use the language of each of the audiovisual media in modern combined forms or in digital media for conducting journalistic documentaries.
17. Value diversity and multiculturalism as a foundation for teamwork.

## Content

1. The notion of cinema direction
2. The direction of actors
3. The script from the direction perspective
4. The preparation of the filming or preproduction
5. Shooting, techniques and strategies
6. The figure of the director

## Methodology

The subject is organized by alternating master classes (where students work with methodological questions and theoretical knowledge) with practical classes (which analyze various exemplary stylistic solutions throughout the historical evolution of the cinematographic art) .

The students develop a series of tasks, group and individual. The products are periodically reviewed by the teacher.

The proposed teaching methodology and evaluation activities may undergo some modifications depending on the health authorities' attendance restrictions.

The calendar will be available on the first day of class. Students will find all information on the Virtual Campus / Teams: the description of the activities, teaching materials, and any necessary information for the proper follow-up of the subject. In case of a change of teaching modality for health reasons, teachers will make readjustments in the schedule and methodologies.

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			
Classes	15	0.6	13, 4, 2, 7, 8, 12, 14
Laboratory practices	22.5	0.9	1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 9, 8, 12, 16
Seminars	15	0.6	1, 3, 13, 4, 5, 2, 6, 10, 12, 17
Type: Supervised			
Tutorials	7.5	0.3	15, 4, 5, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17
Type: Autonomous			
Audiovisual work	82.5	3.3	1, 15, 3, 4, 5, 2, 6, 11, 9, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17

## Assessment

The teaching methodology and the proposed evaluation may undergo some modification depending on the restrictions on attendance that the health authorities impose.

Exam: 30%

Practical work: 50%

Seminars: 20%

It is necessary to pass the exam and practical work to do the average and pass the subject. Students will be entitled to the revaluation of the subject. They should present a minimum of activities that equals two-thirds of the total grading. To have access to revaluation, the previous grades should be 3.5. The activities that are excluded from the revaluation process are seminars.

The student who performs any irregularity (copy, plagiarism, identity theft...) will be qualified with 0 in this assignment or exam. In case there are several irregularities, the final grade of the subject will be 0.

## Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Audiovisual work	50%	2.5	0.1	1, 15, 3, 13, 4, 5, 2, 6, 11, 9, 10, 16, 14
Exam	30%	3	0.12	1, 15, 2, 6, 7, 10
Seminars	20%	2	0.08	1, 15, 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 17

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## Software

Attendees will work with software for mobile devices in image capture and editing. Also if it is available, with dedicated equipment or audiovisual accessories.