

History of Cinema

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2502758 Humanities	OT	3	2
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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

Prerequisites

No prerequisites are required

Objectives and Contextualisation

- Know the main film schools and authors of the history of cinema
- Understand the cinematographic context in which these movements are developed

Competences

Humanities

- Analysing the regulations about cultural and natural heritage.
- Critically analysing today's culture and its historical conditions.
- Designing, producing, disseminating and commercializing a cultural product.
- Producing innovative and competitive proposals in research and professional activity.
- Properly using the resources and methodologies of the study of contemporary culture.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analysing the legal framework of copyrights in cinematography.
2. Applying the knowledge about aesthetic ideas and art theory to the analysis of the cinematographic imagery.
3. Contrasting the various legal frameworks of the artistic heritage.
4. Designing programmes of museography or management of the artistic heritage.
5. Distinguishing the techniques and elaboration process of an artistic object from the avant-garde and the latest artistic trends.
6. Identifying the artistic imagery, placing it into its cultural context.
7. Preparing a proposal for an exhibition from a provided material.
8. Reconstructing the artistic outlook of the contemporary world.
9. Relating the artistic creations from various periods with other cultural phenomena.

Content

I. Early cinema

1. Origins of cinema: historical context
2. Pre-cinematic devices: inventions and mythical imaginary
3. Pioneers of cinema: science, entertainment and industry
4. Cinematographic genres: the cinema between high and low culture
5. Primitive Mode of Representation (M.R.P.) vs. classic cinema (M.R.I.)

II. American classic cinema

1. Hollywood: birth and evolution
2. Film as an industry: Studio System and Star System
3. The grammar of classic cinema
4. Film genre codes: main authors

III. European realisms

1. French poetic realism
2. Italian neorealism

IV. New European film and American alternatives

1. Nouvelle Vague
2. Cinema Nuovo
3. Free Cinema
4. Neue Deutscher Film
5. Other European cinematographies
6. New Hollywood and American Independent Cinema

V. Avant-garde, underground and experimental cinema

1. French impressionism
2. German Expressionism, Kammerspielfilm and New Objectivity
3. Soviet montage films and kino-glaz
4. Cinema and artistic avant-gardes, experimental and underground film

VI. Peripheral cinematographies

1. Latin America
2. Asia
3. Africa

VII. Overview of contemporary cinema

Methodology

- Theoretical and practical classes directed by the professor
- Viewing and commentary of films.
- Study, readings and personal work

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			
THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL CLASSES	24	0.96	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Type: Supervised			
VIEWING AND COMMENTARY OF FILMS	58	2.32	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Type: Autonomous			
READINGS AND PERSONAL WORK	25	1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
STUDY OF THE CONTENTS	25	1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Assessment

- Oral presentation about a contemporary filmmaker (35%)
- Exam of the contents (35%)
- Viewing and commentary of films (30%)

Observations:

- Review: On carrying out 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.

- Recovery: To participate in recovery, students must have previously been evaluated in a set of activities whose weight equals a minimum of 2/3 of the total grade. The activity of viewing and commentary of films will not be recoverable.

- Not assessed/Not submitted: Students will obtain a "Not assessed/Not submitted" course grade unless they have submitted more than 30% of the assessment items.

- Plagiarism: 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.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
EXAM OF THE CONTENTS	35%	3	0.12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
ORAL PRESENTATION ABOUT A FILMMAKER	35%	9	0.36	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
VIEWING AND COMMENTARY OF FILMS	30%	6	0.24	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Bibliography

Film History

AA.VV., *Historia General del Cine* (12 vols.), Cátedra, Madrid, 1995-1998

Gubern, Romà, *Historia del cine* (2 vols.), Lumen, Barcelona, 1971

Sánchez Vidal, Agustín, *Historia del cine*, Historia 16, Madrid, 1997

Early Cinema

Burch, Noël, *El tragaluz del infinito*, Cátedra, Madrid, 1995

American Classic Cinema

Altman, Rick, *Los géneros cinematográficos*, Paidós, Barcelona, 2000

Bordwell, David; Staiger, Janet; Thompson, Kristin, *El cine clásico de Hollywood*, Paidós, Barcelona, 1997

Gomery, Douglas., *Hollywood: el sistema de estudios*, Verdoux, Madrid, 1991

European Realisms

Quintana, Àngel, *Fábulas de lo visible*, El Acantilado, Barcelona, 2003

New European Film

Torreiro, Casimiro; Riambau, Esteve; Monterde, José Enrique, *Los "Nuevos Cines" europeos (1955-1970)*, Lerna, Barcelona, 1987

Avant-garde, Underground and Experimental Film

Sánchez-Biosca, Vicente, *Cine y vanguardias artísticas*, Paidós, Barcelona, 2004

Tejeda, Carlos, *Arte en fotogramas. Cine realizado por artistas*, Cátedra, Madrid, 2008

Peripheral Cinematographies

Elena, Alberto, *Los cines periféricos: África, Oriente Medio, India*, Paidós, Barcelona, 1999

Contemporary Cinema

Quintana, Àngel, *Después del cine. Imagen y realidad en la era digital*, El Acantilado, Barcelona, 2011

Software

- Moodle

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