

Photography Cinema: Classicism and Postmodernity

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2500239 Art History	OT	3	1
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Use of Languages

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

Prerequisites

Good reading habits. English knowledge recommended..

Objectives and Contextualisation

The syllabus for this course consists of two parts. In the first part, we will take a survey of the history of photography, from its origins to the present day, based on a careful selection of themes. The aim of this part of the programme is to familiarise students with the broad panorama of the history of photography, and with the conceptual tools necessary to critically analyse the photographic phenomenon and to understand it from multiple perspectives.

The second, shorter part of the programme will be devoted to avant-garde cinema and its legacy in contemporary art and documentary cinema. The classes in this part of the programme will complement those in the first part, with the aim of deepening our knowledge of the artistic culture of the avant-garde and bringing us closer to one of the most relevant and active fields of contemporary filmmaking.

Competences

Art History

- Critically analysing from the acquired knowledge a work of art in its many facets: formal values, iconographic significance, artistic techniques and procedures, elaboration process and reception mechanisms.
- Interpreting a work of art in the context in which it was developed and relating it with other forms of cultural expression.
- Recognising the evolution of the artistic imagery from the antiquity to the contemporary visual culture.
- Recognising the fundamental problems, vocabulary and concepts of the Theory of Art and Cinema.
- 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.

Learning Outcomes

1. Accurately defining and explaining an artistic object with the specific language of art criticism.
2. Analysing ideas about an artistic phenomenon in a given cultural context.
3. Analysing the creators of an artistic phenomenon in a specific cultural context.
4. Analysing the recipients of an artistic phenomenon in a specific cultural context.
5. Connecting an artistic imagery with other cultural phenomena within its period.
6. Critically analysing basic concepts of artistic and cinematographic theory and its evolution through history.
7. Distinguishing the elaboration techniques and processes of an artistic object.
8. Engaging in debates about historical facts respecting the other participants' opinions.
9. Examining an artistic imagery and distinguishing its formal, iconographic and symbolic values.
10. Explaining the reception mechanisms of a work of art.
11. Identifying the artistic imagery, placing it into its cultural context.
12. Reconstructing the artistic outlook of a particular cultural context.

Content

Programme

PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Thinking, reading and studying photography. Introduction to the study of photography. Museums, Archives and Libraries: collections and holdings.

Modernity

2. What is photography? The invention of photography. Exploration of the medium and technique: the pioneers. Early debates about the nature and uses of photography: the progressive recognition of the new art. The photographic vision: itineraries

3. Travel and photography: the relief of picturesqueness and the colonial gaze. Photographic campaigns and expeditions.

4. The modern city photographed. Far from the city, the Mexican case, photography, painting and literature: Edward Weston, Tina Modotti, Paul Strand, Juan Rulfo, Manuel Álvarez Bravo.

5. Photography and the avant-garde: experimentation and invention of a new language.

6. Photography as a social document.

Postmodernity. The "capitalism of images" and the phenomenon of post-photography.

7. Questions on photography today.

CINEMATOGRAPHY

9. Documentary cinema: characteristics and possibilities. Film essay and film poetry.

Methodology

Lectures and dialogic classes.

Documents search and writing exercises

Individual work: writing a critical essay about an artist, a reading, a photography.

Text analysis of the readings assigned to the topics covered in the course.

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
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Type: Directed

Seminar lectures	50	2	6, 3, 4, 2, 11, 1, 7, 8, 12, 5
Type: Supervised			
Tutoring sessions	20	0.8	6, 3, 4, 2, 8
Type: Autonomous			
Bibliographic and documentary search	40	1.6	6, 3, 4, 2, 1, 7, 8, 12, 5
Writing papers, reviews, text commentaries, etc.	40	1.6	6, 3, 4, 2, 11, 1, 7, 8, 5

Assessment

The assesement will draw in a written test, a works commentary and a readings commentary.

In case of plagirarism:

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.

Second chance examination:

The student could submit a second chance examination of the papers with a rating inferior to 5.

Exams and papers review procedure:

During the evaluative process, the lecturer will inform students (Moodle) of the exams and papers review procedure.

The Student will be rated as 'Not assessable' if he/she has not delivered more than 30 % of the evaluation work.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Readings commentary	35 %	0	0	6, 3, 4, 2, 11, 1, 7, 9, 10, 8, 12, 5
Works commentary	25 %	0	0	6, 3, 4, 2, 11, 1, 7, 9, 10, 8, 12, 5
Written test	40 %	0	0	6, 3, 4, 2, 11, 1, 7, 9, 10, 8, 12, 5

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Biblioteca Digital Hispánica: <http://www.bne.es/es/Catalogos/BibliotecaDigitalHispanica/Inicio/index.html>

MNAC:

https://www.museunacional.cat/es/advanced-piece-search?title_1=&title=&field_piece_inventory_number_value=

MEP: <https://www.mep-fr.org/>
Gallica: <https://gallica.bnf.fr/accueil/fr/content/accueil-fr?mode=desktop>
Victoria & Albert Museum <https://www.vam.ac.uk/collections/photographs/victoria>
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Software

If a specific software is necessary we will inform the student