

Italian Cinema and Literature

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2501801 Catalan and Spanish Studies	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: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

There are not particular academic prerequisites to take this subject.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This subject aims to provide the student with a grounding in the study of Italian cinema and its relationships with literature. It aims to provide a first set of orientative tools necessary to a basic approach to the reading and/or viewing of the works selected to be analyzed. This should make him / her able to further tackle new examples in a wider context within the frame of the subject's panoramic perspective.

Therefore, on successfully completing this subject, students will be able to:

- know the main lines of the history of Italian cinema and its relationship with literature.
- identify works of both the literary authors dealt with, together with their place in the canon of the Italian literature, and the most relevant figures of Italian cinema.

- differentiate the most relevant features of the cinematographic language with regard to the films discussed during the course.
- analyze and evaluate the strategies of filmic adaptation of the literary works commented during the course.
- analyze a given example of study, compare different versions of a work, develop a reasoned commentary on a fragment of a particular adaptation

Competences

Catalan and Spanish Studies

- Analyze a wide variety of written texts in Italian in order to recognize the fundamental characteristics of culture and the Italian literature.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and knowing how to communicate effectively both in your mother tongue and in other languages.
- Identify the main literary, cultural and historical currents in Italian.
- Respect the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.

English and Catalan Studies

- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and knowing how to communicate effectively both in your mother tongue and in other languages.
- Explore a variety of texts in Italian in order to recognize the fundamental characteristics of the Italian culture and literature.
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- Students must develop the necessary learning skills in order to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.

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Learning Outcomes

1. Apply appropriate methodologies for reading and interpretation of these texts.
2. Communicate in the studied language in oral and written form, properly using vocabulary and grammar.
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4. Describe the historical and thematic evolution of literature, cinema, theater and Italian art.
5. Distinguish main ideas from secondary and synthesize its contents in the texts concerning Italian literature, art and aesthetics.
6. Effectively communicate and apply the argumentative and textual processes to formal and scientific texts.
7. Effectively communicating and applying the argumentative and textual processes to formal and scientific texts.
8. Identify and understand the evolution of literary language in Italy and of artistic languages.
9. Identify the major literary and artistic movements, authors and works of literature and Italian art.
10. Mastering the advanced knowledge and scientific methodologies related to linguistics, literature, history and culture that prepare the student for a postgraduate specialised education in the same or a different field of study.
11. Read and understand literary, artistic and cultural texts in Italian major eras.
12. Students must be capable of comprehending advanced academic or professional texts in their own language or the another acquired in the degree.
13. Students must be capable of precisely arguing ideas and opinions in their own language or another acquired in the degree.
14. Work individually and / or in teams effectively in multicultural and interdisciplinary applying of a culture of peace and own a degree in foreign languages that form the student for intercultural communication environments democratic values.

Content

The course aims to provide an overview of a fascinating area of cultural history (Italian cinema), from the perspective of its interaction with literature.

Overview of the most basic tools of film studies, focusing on both the debate on the typology of the relationship between the languages of cinema and literature, and the analysis of some Italian examples.

Overview of the story of Italian cinema from its birth to the most recent films, its most relevant authors and genres, as well as its periods and their related historical contexts. As the subject seeks to underscore expressive and methodological links between film representations and literary texts, it will necessarily deal with some of the most important authors of Italian literary canon too.

The subject is based both on the viewing of fragments (or their totality) of some Italian cinematographic works, and the reading of fragments (or their totality) of some literary works. Particular attention will be given to the aesthetic, ideological and gender-related aspects they carry with.

PROGRAM

1. Overview. History of Italian literature and cinema. Literature and cinema.

- 1.1 Il Conformista. Totalitarianism, identity, gender?
- 2. Italian classics on the screen. Dante.
- 2.1 The Decameron, culture and pandemics.
- 3. The great authors of Italian cinema.
- 3.1 Il Gattopardo. Art, elegy and historical critique. The South as a myth?
- 4. Beyond the "padri e maestri": recent Italian cinema.

Italian Erasmus students please read the instructions in the 'Assessment' section.

Methodology

The subject of Italian Cinema and Literature is theoretical-practical. In general terms, learning activities are organised as follows:

- Directed activities: master class; collective discussion; reading, interpreting and commenting on texts.
- Supervised activities: individual and group exercises, both written and oral; reading, interpreting and commenting on texts.
- Autonomous activities: exercises on the course's Moodle; preparation for the tests; readings, writing, search of documentation...
- Class exchanges (teacher-student, student-student)

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			
Lessons, theory and practice	25	1	7, 6, 3, 2, 9
Texts reading and commentary	25	1	1, 5, 9, 8, 11
Type: Autonomous			
Study: texts, materials, bibliography	30	1.2	9
Texts reading and commentary	15	0.6	1, 5, 9, 8, 11

Assessment

Assesment is continuous (100%) and based on the following sections:

- Follow-up and participation in class 20%.
- Reviews / Essais on some films / books (3) 60 %

- Synthesis test 20%.
- Students are allowed to retake activities they have not passed only if they have already taken at least 2/3 of the overall activities, and they have an average grade of at least 3.5.
- To receive the final grade, it is required to pass all the components subject to re-assessment.
- Students will receive a grade of "Not Evaluable" if s/he has not submitted more than 30% of the graded activities.
- In-class activities are excluded from re-evaluation.
- Participation assessment may include as well the attendance to cultural activities eventually proposed by the professor.
- Re-assessment will consist of a written exam.
- Before posting the final grades, and prior to record them on the transcripts, the professor will provide date and time for the written re-take exam.
- Students are fully responsible for checking all their graded activities/exams.
- Italian Erasmus students have to consult the professor about the criteria for their evaluation in the first week of class. Students will receive a list of complementary readings (critical essays and texts), and the professor will specify the work to be done.
- If a student commits any irregularity that lead to a significant variation of the grade in any activity, s/he will be given zero for this activity regardless of any disciplinary process that may follow up. In the event of several irregularities, the student will be given zero as final grade for the subject.
- In the event that tests or exams cannot be taken onsite, they will be taken online through the UAB online tools (original grade 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 remote tools, and/or will offer feasible alternatives.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Participation during the course: attendance, team and individual activities etc.	20	20	0.8	1, 13, 12, 10, 4, 5, 7, 6, 3, 2, 9, 8, 14
Reviews, written works and oral presentations relating to the works object of analysis. 1	20	10	0.4	1, 10, 4, 7, 6, 3, 2, 9, 8, 11, 14
Reviews, written works and oral presentations relating to the works object of analysis. 2	20	10	0.4	1, 10, 4, 7, 6, 3, 2, 9, 8, 11, 14
Reviews, written works and oral presentations relating to the works object of analysis. 3	20	10	0.4	1, 10, 4, 7, 6, 3, 2, 9, 8, 11, 14
Synthesis test	20	5	0.2	1, 7, 6, 3, 2, 9, 8, 11, 14

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Gian Piero Brunetta, *"Letteratura e cinema"*, Zanichelli, Bologna, 1976

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Umberto Eco, *I Limiti dell'interpretazione*, Bompiani, Milano 1980;

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Enric Sullà, *Teoría de la novela. Antología de textos del siglo XX*, Crítica, Barcelona, 1996

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Software

No particular software is required, except for the most common Office tools (i. e. word processor, etc.,) email account, an updated browser, MS Teams for online sessions if needed.