

## Art and Thought

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### Prerequisites

El estudiante ha de estar acostumbrado a realizar comentarios de texto

### Objectives and Contextualisation

The course syllabus draws a tour through the history of art theory. We will study the main authors, subjects, concepts and debates that summarize the whole body of artistic theories from antiquity to modernity. We will put emphasis on the analysis of the processes of transformation of ideas, in connection to their historic, artistic and cultural contexts. The purpose of this approach is to provide the student with the necessary means and skills to understand how the artistic concepts and thinking trends originate and evolve over time.

### Competences

- Applying the mastery of the basic critical and methodological tools in order to understand and narrate Art History and reflect on the profession of art historian.
- Applying the specific scientific methodologies of the discipline of Art History.
- Demonstrating they know the history of the artistic ideas and the main theoretical currents that inspired the reflection about art, cinema, its creators and its audience through history.
- Expressing specific knowledge about the origin, evolution and various fields of study of Art History, as well as the classic and actual subjects, vocabulary and debates of the discipline.
- Make changes to methods and processes in the area of knowledge in order to provide innovative responses to society's needs and demands.

- 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.
- Take sex- or gender-based inequalities into consideration when operating within one's own area of knowledge.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse the sex- or gender-based inequalities and the gender biases present in one's own area of knowledge.
2. Analysing classical and current debates of the History of Art.
3. Analysing ideas about an artistic phenomenon in a given cultural context.
4. Analysing ideas about an artistic phenomenon, and its creators and recipients in a given cultural context.
5. Analysing the creators 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. Critically analysing basic concepts of artistic and cinematographic theory and its evolution through history.
10. Demonstrating the knowledge of scientific methodology, sources and Art Theory in the reading, criticism and formal, iconographic and symbolic interpretation of any artistic or cinematographic imagery.
11. Differentiating artistic theories about an artistic phenomenon, its creators and recipients in a given cultural context.
12. Engaging in debates about historical facts respecting the other participants' opinions.
13. Interpreting the fundamental concepts of Theory of Art with a critical eye.
14. Propose new methods or well-founded alternative solutions.
15. Summarising acquired knowledge about the origin and transformations experienced by the general Theory of Art and the various fields of study of the discipline.
16. Using the knowledge of general Art Theory in the criticism of the artistic imagery.

## Content

1. 1. Antiquity and Middle Ages
  - 1.1. The concept of mimesis or imitation of nature. Inventing fiction.
  - 1.2 Beauty in classical and medieval culture. Ideal beauty, nature and the arts.
2. Renaissance
  - 2.1. Theories of representation of nature in the Renaissance.
  - 2.2. Renaissance cult of beauty and classical thought on beauty
3. The seventeenth century
 

The concept ut pictura poesis and its influence in humanistic theory of art. The Academy: systems and principles.
4. Enlightenment and Romanticism
  - 4.1. Transformations of art and artistic theory in the Enlightenment. A new approach to beauty and the artist: the enlightenment theories of taste and genius.

4.2. Nature, art and the subject, a brief history of modern sublime.

4.3. Romantic philosophy of art: artistic truth and imagination. The romantic artist

5. The 19th century

The emergence of modernity and the crisis of the Academy. Towards a definition of modern art and artist.

## Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	50	2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Type: Supervised			
Individual work: writing a critical essay	25	1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Text analysis of the readings assigned to the topics covered in the course	25	1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Type: Autonomous			
Documents search and writing exercises	50	2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Expository and dialogic classes. Emphasis will be placed on class participation, through analysis and commentary on a selection of readings and works, and promoting discussion and debate around the topics of study.

Assignments: writing a critical commentary on a reading.

The structure of the syllabus, the documentation worked on in class, the readings and exercises are designed to reinforce the student's capacity for analysis and explanation, and also to encourage reflection, questioning and a critical thinking spirit.

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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.

## Assessment

### Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
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Paper 1	35	0	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Paper 2	45	0	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Text analysis of the readings assigned to the topics covered in the course	20	0	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

## Assessment

### CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

The assessment will draw in three exercises:

Two written test-1 (35 %) i2 (45 %) and the text analysis (20 %) of the readings assigned to the topics covered in the course.

The schedule of exercises will be agreed upon in class at the beginning of the course.

Procedure for the revision of the qualifications.

At the moment of each evaluation activity, the teacher will inform the students (Moodle) of the procedure and the date of revision of the grades.

### SINGLE ASSESSMENT

The single assessment of this course will be ruled by the specific regulations approved by the UAB.

In order to obtain a favorable evaluation, it is necessary to pass three evidences:

1. Written test of contents (40% of the final grade).
2. Written test of contents (40% of the final grade).
3. Individual work consisting of a lecture commentary (20% of the final grade).

Unless otherwise indicated, the single evaluation tests will coincide with the dates reserved for the continuous evaluation, at the end of the four-month period.

### Second chance assessment

In order to take part in the recovery, students must have been previously evaluated in a set of activities, the weight of which is equivalent to a minimum of 2/3 of the total qualification (CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT) or take all the tests (SINGLE ASSESSMENT).

For the single evaluation, the same recovery system will be applied as for the continuous evaluation. Unless otherwise indicated, the single assessment tests will coincide with the dates reserved for the continuous assessment, at the end of the four-month period.

In order to participate in the recovery process the student must have obtained a final average grade of 3.5, if the average of the three evidences is below this grade, it is not possible to take the recovery exam.

Conditions for the qualification of 'Not evaluable':

The student will receive a grade of 'Not evaluable' if he/she has not completed more than 30% of the evaluation activities.

In case of plagiarism:

In case the student commits any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade of an evaluation act, this evaluation will be graded with 0, regardless of the disciplinary process that may be instituted. In the event that several irregularities

In case of several irregularities in the evaluation acts of the same subject, the final grade of this subject will be 0.

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## **Software**

If a specific program is necessary we will inform the student.

## **Language list**

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(PAUL) Classroom practices	1	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	1	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed