

## Ancient and Medieval History of Art

Code: 100025  
ECTS Credits: 6

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Degree	Type	Year
Humanities	OB	2

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### Teaching groups languages

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### Prerequisites

No prerequisites

### Objectives and Contextualisation

The course aims to offer a basic overview of the history of Western art, from Ancient world to the end of the Middle Ages. It will provide students with the fundamental reading keys for understanding the artistic evolution and the main features of the periods studied.

### Competences

- 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

1. Order and Beauty: Greek origins of Western art (8th-2th centuries BC)
2. Rome: arts and politics (3rd century BC-3d century AD)
3. An unexpected rupture: art of the Late Empire (3rd-4th centuries)
4. From Rome to Constantinople (5th-7th centuries)
5. A not so dark era: art of the Early Middle Ages (8th-10th centuries)
6. New world, new identity: Romanesque art (11th-12th centuries)
7. Splendor and crisis in the world of Gothic (13th-14th centuries)
8. The medieval autumn and the return to reality (15th century)

## Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Master classes	40	1.6	
Type: Supervised			
Readings	10	0.4	
Tutorials	5	0.2	
Type: Autonomous			
Autonomous study	60	2.4	
Collection and analysis of images	20	0.8	
Visit to museums or exhibitions	5	0.2	

Primary methodology of the course is master class, supported by projection of images. Discourse focuses on the analysis of the specific works of art, in order to evoke, from them, the general characteristics of the artistic production of each period studied. This will be completed with various readings, and the optional assistance to exhibitions and museums related to the contents of course. The teaching methodology and the evaluation proposed in the guide may undergo some modification subject to the onsite teaching restrictions imposed by health authorities.

\*Note: 15 minutes of a class will be reserved, within the calendar established by the center/degree, for students to fill in surveys to evaluate the performance of the teaching staff and to evaluate the subject .

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

### Continous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Evaluated exercise (essay)	10%	2.5	0.1	6, 9
Evaluated exercise (image identification)	10%	2.5	0.1	6
Partial exam	40	2.5	0.1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
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### CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

The course is assessed through four different tests. Two of these tests are partial exams, each of which counts for 40% of the final grade. The other two are exercises that will be done in class, the nature of which will be informed at the beginning of the course. In the event of not being able to take one of the tests for a justified reason, it may be made up at the end of the semester. An unjustified failure to appear for an exam will not entitle the student to a make-up exam.

Students will obtain a Not assessed/Not submitted course grade unless they have submitted more than 1/3 of the assessment items.

Students who fail with a final mark (derived from the three evaluation tests) of between 3.5 and 4.9 will be allowed to sit a conditional retake. The maximum grade for this retake will be a pass mark (5).

*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 irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.*

### ONE-TIME ASSESSMENT

The student will be able to take advantage of the single assessment, which will consist of a final exam on the entire course syllabus, and the completion of the same two exercises carried out during the course (or an adaptation of these).

The same assessment method as continuous assessment will be used.

### REVISION OF GRADES

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.

### IA USE

This subject entirely prohibits the use of AI technologies in all of its activities. Any submitted work that contains content generated using AI will be considered academic dishonesty; the corresponding grade will be awarded a zero, without the possibility of reassessment. In cases of greater infringement, more serious action may be taken.

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## Software

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## Groups and Languages

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