

TECHNICAL SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Data of the subject	
Subject name	An Approach to Written and Audiovisual Communication
Subject code	E000004234
Main program	Bachelor's Degree in Audiovisual Communication
Credits	6,0 ECTS
Type	Básico
Department	Centro de Enseñanza Superior Alberta Giménez (CESAG)
Coordinator	Victor Navarro Remesal
Schedule	Monday (09:00 - 11:00) and Friday (12:00 - 14:00)
Office hours	Request by email
Course overview	Foundations of written and audiovisual communication. Theories and analysis about the ways in which media texts construct meaning. Introduction to the basic processes and methods of journalistic, advertising and audiovisual work. Description and analysis of information products in the different media. Audiovisual language as a tool for the production of messages and content.

Teacher Information	
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SPECIFIC DATA OF THE SUBJECT

Contextualization of the subject
Contribution to the professional profile of the degree
The contemporary world is built on media discourses. What we know through them matters as much as direct, face-to-face experience. Media are a space where meanings, representations, values and cultural models are constructed and negotiated. For this reason, media professionals are essential for society. Beyond instrumental knowledge, always in constant change, these professionals must have a capacity for formal analysis, the management of written and audiovisual tools and an understanding of their cultural implications. This course prepares these future professionals with a broad, global, and interdisciplinary perspective.
Prerequisites
Written and spoken English. Analysis skills and critical reflection.

Competencies - Objectives

Competences

GENERALES

CG04	Conocer el estado del mundo y de la comunicación, así como de su evolución histórica reciente y comprender sus diferentes parámetros (políticos, económicos, culturales, estéticos y religiosos)
CG11	Valorar la obra audiovisual desde el punto de vista estético
CG12	Reflexionar críticamente sobre la influencia que tienen los medios de comunicación en la sociedad, desarrollando sus funciones de formar, informar y entretener

TRANSVERSALES

CT04	Observar, analizar y procesar informaciones relevantes para emitir juicios fundamentados científicamente
CT05	Identificar problemas y posibles soluciones y tomar decisiones para una solución eficaz
CT09	Saber buscar las claves interpretativas de cualquier fenómeno natural, social, económico, histórico y político

ESPECÍFICAS

CE04	Analizar relatos audiovisuales, atendiendo a los parámetros básicos del análisis de obras audiovisuales, considerando los mensajes icónicos como textos y productos de las condiciones sociopolíticas y culturales de una época histórica determinada.
CE09	Ser capaz de definir temas de investigación o creación personal innovadora que puedan contribuir al conocimiento o desarrollo de lenguajes audiovisuales o su interpretación.

Learning outcomes

RA01	Conocer el estado de la producción audiovisual contemporánea y de su evolución histórica reciente y comprender sus diferentes parámetros (políticos, económicos, culturales, estéticos).
RA02	Analizar los diferentes relatos audiovisuales y formatos hipertextuales.
RA03	Valorar los distintos productos audiovisuales desde un punto de vista estético.

THEMATIC BLOCKS AND CONTENTS

Contents - Thematic Blocks

PART 1: INTRODUCTION TO MEDIA STUDIES

- 1 – What is Communication?
- 2 – Media life and Media literacies

3 – Representation. Cultural Studies

4 – Genres

PART 2: TEXTUAL ANALYSIS

5 – Textual analysis: journalism

6 – Textual analysis: film

7 – Textual analysis: documentary

8 – Textual analysis: advertising

9 – Textual analysis: video games

10 – Textual analysis: comic books

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

General methodological aspects of the subject

In-class Methodology: Activities

Master classes

Seminars and workshops

Assignments and presentations

Office hours

Non-Presential Methodology: Activities

Individual study

Reading

Assignments

SUMMARY STUDENT WORKING HOURS

CLASSROOM HOURS

Clases teóricas y clases prácticas

60.00

NON-PRESENTIAL HOURS

Estudio de teoría, preparación de trabajos, preparación de actividad de evaluación

90.00

ECTS CREDITS: 6,0 (150,00 hours)

EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Evaluation activities	Evaluation criteria	Weight
Test	<p>Can be retaken</p> <p>Expression, summarising, proper use of theory, and critical thinking</p>	50
Engagement in the course and participation in fora	<p>Participation in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Viewing sessions and debate in the ora · Journal of media life and media consumption throughout the semester (at least three entries) · General media knowledge test, taken at the beginning and at the ending of the course 	10
Report: Analysis of a relevant media work, first draft and diary of the process, with mentions of the methodology and references used.	<p>Can be retaken</p> <p>The first draft of the essay will be made during the first weeks of the course. Throughout the semester, this draft will be rewritten incorporating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The theory learned in class, as well as any relevant methodologies · At least two academic citations, incorporated in the text and properly referenced in the bibliography · A clear hypothesis that is put to test in the text 	30
Seminar: Book club. Group report	<p>Each specialty or interest group should read a specific book that will be indicated at the beginning of the course, participate in a debate seminar and present a joint reflection on the contributions of that reading to their specialty</p>	10

Ratings

All parts must be above 50% to pass, except the final test, which needs to be above 60%.

WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Activities	Date of realization	Delivery date
Reading and theory tests (virtual campus)	Fortnightly	Fortnightly
Delivery of the final essays	During the whole course	Last week
Media life journal	During the whole course	During the whole course
Final exam		As specified in the exams calendar
Book club report		Last week before Christmas

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic Bibliography

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