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2014 - M.D. in History of Art and Visual Culture	Faculty of Geography and History	1	Second term

Subject-matter

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2014 - M.D. in History of Art and Visual Culture	3 - Approaches and issues	Optional
3130 - History of Art	1 - Complementos de Formación	Optional

Coordination

Name	Department
VIVES-FERRANDIZ SANCHEZ, LUIS	230 - Art History

SUMMARY

This module provides the students with methodological tools that allow them to come closer to the work of art, the joint manifestations of visual arts, music, and interpreting, as well as the rest of aesthetic experiences according to the context in which they are produced. The iconographical content of images and their meaning within their culture is explained, their functioning in the political and religious spheres is interpreted, as well as their use within the market as valuable objects and in the public sphere as an element of prestige and propaganda. Additionally, as an example of the possibilities of interdisciplinary approaches and the variety they provide, the presence of the vegetal world in painting and in Western etching during the Early Modern period is studied, either as a source of artistic inspiration for the diverse pictorial genres or as a transmission mean of scientific knowledge. Regarding the first part, in recent years, new theoretical approaches had widened art history discourse, practice and objects of study. Visual studies, image science or anthropology of images are the names of these new methodologies whose aim is to think and understand images using new theoretical frameworks that replace semiotics and aesthetics paradigms. Throughout history, art has served as a mirror and reference tool to artists that have been



constructed as individuals while building the world around them. The concept of identity is one of the most important issues of recent decades in the field of humanities and social sciences. Identity does not mean only treat the individual, but the individual in society. Art and thought arise as a methodology of matter. A methodology that brings us closer to different approaches deriving from the Cultural Studies, Social History of Art, the Women Studies, Gender Studies or Visual Culture Studies.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

Other requirements

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrolment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OUTCOMES

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- Comprender los nuevos enfoques metodológicos utilizados por la moderna Historia del arte para el estudio de los significados menos obvios y más profundos de la imagen en sus contextos socioculturales.
- Capacidad para comprender y explicar el contenido iconográfico y el significado iconológico de las imágenes, así como de los conjuntos de imágenes que forman unidades complejas en contextos arquitectónicos o paisajísticos.
- Adquirir conciencia crítica de las coordenadas espacio-temporales y de los límites e interrelaciones geográficas y culturales de la Historia mundial del arte.
- Capacidad para interpretar el arte en su contexto antropológico, reconociendo la multiculturalidad a través del acercamiento a las manifestaciones artísticas de las culturas no occidentales.
- Conocer las imágenes y atributos iconográficos del poder, su carácter de instrumento de prestigio y de propaganda institucional y personal en las monarquías europeas y en los virreinos americanos, mediante la aplicación del método iconográfico.
- Adquirir una nueva comprensión estética del paisaje natural que integre criterios artísticos y ecológicos
- Adquirir las aptitudes necesarias para colaborar con equipos multidisciplinares en la defensa del medio ambiente y la biodiversidad, así como con urbanistas y diseñadores de paisaje en la ordenación del territorio.
- Integrar la interpretación de las obras artísticas desde un punto de vista que atienda a la diversidad humana y a las relaciones de género a través de la historia y de las distintas culturas.



LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Skills to apply acquired knowledge and being capable of solving problems in new or unfamiliar situations in broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts that are related to the field of study.
- Being able to incorporate knowledge and to face the complexity of making judgements on the basis of information that, being incomplete or limited, implies social or ethical responsibilities linked to the application of knowledge and judgements.
- Knowing how to communicate conclusions as well as knowledge and background behind them to a specialised and non specialised public, in a clear and unambiguous manner.
- Having the learning skills to continue researching to some degree in an independent or self-directed way.
- Ability to present orally or in writing the results of the research or management projects on any artistic field, through a coherent and thorough discourse, customised to its potential addressees.
- Knowledge of good practice in scientific research and responsible appliance of the results, by taking on values of democracy, human diversity, equality and multiculturality.
- Knowledge of the social, cultural and professional environment that stimulates a research committed to sustainable community welfare, particularly in those aspects related to protection, acknowledged
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DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Studies of the image.

Unit 1. Thinking images.-1.1. Bildanthropologie, Bildwissenschaft and visual studies

The aim of this unit is to offer students a comprehensive view of image studies theoretical approaches.

Unit 2. Visual time.-Visual time and alternative chronological models for history

Unit 3. The power of images: observers and responses.- The power of simulacrum. Iconoclasm and jihad 2.0: DAESH and destruction in modern times.

Unit 4. Images in the age of the screen effect.- Visual culture, web 2.0 and the age of screens. This unit introduces some key concepts to understand the role of images in the context of web 2.0. The unit aims to analyse the ontology of postphotographic image, the genealogy of the screen or new paradigms of visibility.

Unit 5. Identity and media culture.- Hispanic identity, baroque and media culture. The narrative of Spanish art and media culture.

2. The vegetal world in European painting. Historical development and methods

The vegetal world has been an inexhaustible source of inspiration for art. The course aims to show the richness and development of this theme in Western painting during the Early Modern period. A historical approach of the basic framework, the necessary materials and the status of the issue will be undertaken prior to analysing the presence of plants in religious, mythological, allegorical painting and other genres, as well as independent representation of plants in still lifes. The research requires an interdisciplinary study since botanical identification of the species becomes necessary, as well as knowledge of a wide range of sources such as classical mythology and literature, medieval symbolic culture, or conceptual language of the emblems in Renaissance and Baroque periods.

3. Portraiture in the visual culture of the Renaissance and the contemporary world.

In this course students will study and work on portrait production in the European courts and in America from the Renaissance to the contemporary world, not only from an academic perspective of the genre, but also in the productions of the visual culture in Renaissance, Baroque periods and on the 19th Century, that are linked to iconography, emblematics, festivals and even the genealogic and heraldic world.

4. Images of power from Antiquity to modern world.

The use of images by power has been and it is a permanent tendency in every culture and civilizations along History. Iconographic patterns from Roman imperial art survive in the Middle Ages and reemerged boldly in humanist Renaissance Republics, in Baroque courts, Napoleonic empire and in the making of modern nations during 19th and 20th centuries. Analyzing images of power implies travelling across time through several symbolic languages -mythology, allegory, emblems, etc.- and different artistic media and spaces -portraits, festivals, gardens, palaces, town planning, ceremonies, photograph, cinema, etc.-, across major cities and collections in Europe and the Americas.

**WORKLOAD**

ACTIVITY	Hours	% To be attended
Theory classes	76,50	100
Seminars	9,00	100
Tutorials	4,50	100
Development of group work	50,00	0
Development of individual work	10,00	0
Study and independent work	50,00	0
Readings supplementary material	50,00	0
Preparation of evaluation activities	50,00	0
TOTAL	300,00	

TEACHING METHODOLOGY**CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

- a) Participatory theory classes, depending on the nature of the subject. Exposition of contents by the professor with the involvement of the students.
- b) Practical sessions and seminars, depending on the nature of the subject. The aim being to establish an effective relationship between theoretical knowledge and its practical application (description, analysis and cultural interpretation of artistic manifestations, case studies, application of specific terminology, analysis and comment of historiography and sources).
- c) Personalised tutorials and other activities: The professor supervises the student's independent work and solves the problems that he/she may encounter.

DEVELOPMENT OF INDEPENDENT WORK

Searching and selecting bibliography and other sources, preparing sessions and activities, suggested reading material, studying for written examination, drawing up reports and practical work assignments, preparing the portfolio, etc.

EVALUATION

The skills to be acquired will be evaluated in blocks, each of them belonging to the four subjects of this module, based on 20% of the total of the module. Another fifth block belongs to a research work, valid for the whole module, directed and evaluated by one of the professors based on 20% of the total of the module.



The main evaluation tools will be as follows:

I. Seminars, debates and reading or activity reports. Reviews, reports, briefs or critical analysis of the recommended bibliography and of the supplementary activities (30%-40%). The evaluation criteria are as follows:

- Acquisition of knowledge.
- Comprehension of general and specific bibliography of the subject.
- Ability to produce written reports or briefs on supplementary activities, such as visits to museums, exhibitions, archaeological and monumental sites, archives, collections, galleries, artist workshops, etc.
- Acquisition of an analytical and critical spirit from the bibliography and sources used in History of Art and Aesthetics.

II. Individual or/and group work, in writing or/and orally (40%-50%), where the following items are evaluated:

- Acquisition of skills to search bibliography and information.
- Perfect command of general and specific bibliography in the different subjects.
- Ability to argue and present a coherent and organised discourse.
- Preparation of works of art analysis and proposals for interpretation.
- Acquisition of a specific scientific methodology for History of Art.
- Analysis and interpretation of the artistic fact in relation to documentary, literary, visual sources...
- Acquisition of instrumental knowledge applied to History of Art.
- Ability for practical application of the formal requirements to write a scientific work.

III. Portfolio (20%-40%). Compilation of the students' work throughout the course that allows them to get involved in the learning process and the continuous assessment of:

- Knowledge applied to problem solving.
- Ability to locate information and to present and resolve problems in new environments.
- Student's motivation and improvement capacity.

The general grading system will follow the regulations of the University of Valencia, approved by the Consell de Govern on 27 January, 2004, in compliance with the Royal Decrees 044/2003 and 1125/2003.



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ADDENDUM COVID-19

This addendum will only be activated if the health situation requires so and with the prior agreement of the Governing Council

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