

Philosophy and the media

Academic Year: (2017 / 2018)

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Department assigned to the subject: Humanities: Philosophy, Language, Literature Theory Department

Coordinating teacher: MARTINEZ LUNA, SERGIO

Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 3.0

Year : Semester :

OBJECTIVES

1. Knowledge and use of concepts on social communication and image culture.
2. Knowledge of philosophical interpretations of contemporary audio-visual communication.
3. Interpretation of audio-visual productions in light of said theories and of major cultural transitions.
4. Handling of analysis categories on forms of representation in mass culture.
5. Incorporation of theoretic tools to study the impact of mass media in our consciousness and sensibility.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Philosophy and audio-visual media. What is Philosophy? What is a medium?
2. Communication and mass culture. Emancipation and alienation
3. Signs, semiology and communication. Images, looks, rhetoric.
4. Cultural Studies and media. Questioning the communicational model.
5. Simulacra, images, hiperreality. The "no" communication.
6. Oral presentations.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The course will be based on introductory lessons given by the professor from a series of compulsory readings of essays and short texts specified in the program.

For each of the subjects in the programme, the teacher will provide a master lecture. This will be completed with the discussion and comment in class of one or several short texts on the subject.

The last session (6) will be devoted to the oral presentations.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

In the last session of the course there will be a written test on the contents of the programme seen in class. This exam will represent 60% of the grade.

The 60% of the grade will correspond to an essay written by the student. Each student, individually, must submit an essay at the end of the course and on the date indicated in the Schedule of the subject.

Essays submitted after the deadline or that do not comply with the indicated formal requirements, will be considered as not presented.

The essay will have a 4,000/5,000 words and must incorporate the positions of the chosen author (or authors), the issues discussed or mentioned in class and the texts of the required reading (basic bibliography). Finally, it is expected from the student to be able to outline a personal position.

The other 40% of the grade will correspond to class attendance, participation, and oral presentation.

% end-of-term-examination:	60
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% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	40
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