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Communication

Academic Year: (2020 / 2021)

Department assigned to the subject:

Coordinating teacher: MELERO SALVADOR, JOSE ALEJANDRO

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 3.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Ability to recognize the importance of media theories and processes in the global world.
- 2. Familiarization with the most important theories of film and media.
- 3. Introduction the practical works on scriptwriting and moving image analyses.
- 4. Ability to work with mature and specialized bibliography.
- 5. Knowledge of the main strategies of essay writing.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Introduction to Media Studies. Typology of communication; The disciplines of Media Studies; Why study Media. (WEEK 1)

2. Introduction to Scriptwriting. 3-act structure; Why we write; The process of scriptwriting. Characterisation. (WEEK 2)

3. Film Aesthetics. Form vs. style. The visual attributes; Setting; The Human Figure; Lighting. (WEEK 3)

4. Television Studies. Audience reception: ratings; Television and genre. Programming: strategy, tradition; The vocabulary of Tv programming. (WEEKS 4-5)

5. Introduction to New Media. The vocabulary of New Media; New Media in our lives. Theories of manipulation. Digital culture. Symbols vs. signs. Simulacra and popular culture. (WEEKS 6-7)

6. Introduction to Radio Studies and preparation for the exam.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

50% in-class work/50% final exam.

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Craig Batty and Sandra Crain. Media Writing. A Practical Introduction. , Palgrave Macmilian, 2010
- David Butler Kentucky, Llamentol, 2018
- HENRY KING RAMONA, LLAMENTOL, 2018
- Michael Curtiz Infierno negro, Mapetac, 2018
- Robert Lapsley & Michael Westlake . Film Theory: an Introduction. , Manchester university press., 2006

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