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Scriptwriting process. From idea to pilot

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Department assigned to the subject: Communication and Media Studies Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 3.0

Year: 1 Semester: 2

OBJECTIVES

- -To possess and understand key knowledge to be able to be original in the development and application of ideas, often within a research context.
- -Capacity to apply knowledge and solve problems in new environments within wider contexts (or multidisciplinary) related to the area of study.
- -Capacity to integrate knowledge and confront the complexity of judgments taking limited or incomplete information as a point of departure, including reflections on social and ethical responsibilities, linked to the acquisition of knowledge and judgment.
- -Capacity to express knowledge, convey reasoning and reach conclusions to specialized and non-specialized audiences in a clear, unambiguous fashion.
- -Screenplay development including executive production.
- -Direct and translation of screenplays into film and television images.
- -Identify the roles and human resources relations within the context of audiovisual productions.
- -Identify, select and develop proposals for film and television projects.
- -Create and explain audiovisual projects in pitching sessions.
- -Knowledge of the key tools of screenwriting for the development of film and television fiction.
- -Plan screenplays and mise-en-scene: basic notions on directing actors.
- -Plan and organize shooting plans.
- -Supervise and manage the postproduction and finalization processes.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- 1. THE IDEA
- 2. THE SALES DOCUMENT
- 3. FIRST STEPS: RULES TO CREATE THE SYNOPSIS AND TREATMENT
- 4. CHARACTER DESCRIPTION
- 5. SETTING AND AESTHETICS
- 6. PLOT DEVELOPMENT
- 7. WRITING THE TV PILOT & PRACTICAL CASES

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Class attendance and participation

Final work/dossier

% end-of-term-examination: 60

% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals...): 40

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- DiMaggio, Madeline Escribir para televisión., Paidós Comunicación., 1992
- Douglas, Pam Writing the TV Drama Series 3rd edition: How to Succeed as a Professional Writer in TV,

- Rabkin, William Writing the Pilot, moon & sun, 2011