

Documentary and Report

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Department assigned to the subject: Communication and Media Studies Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 3 Semester : 2

## REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Moving Image History  
Film Narrative  
Reading Moving Image

## OBJECTIVES

C1. Acquiring theoretical and historical background on the main approaches to documentary  
C2. Theoretical and practical knowledge of the documentary and reportage  
C3. Ability to explore the technical and expressive potential of the moving image

R1. Ability to recognize documentary and report as differentiated audiovisual forms  
R2. Ability to identify the legitimating and diffusion circuits of documentary and reportage

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

TEMA 1. What is a Documentary?  
Unidad 1.1. The conventions of documentary and the historical construction of reality  
Unidad 1.2. Documenting reality  
TEMA 2. The Historical Moment of the Documentary  
Unidad 2.1. Documentary in a crossroad: avant-garde, photographic realism, and narrative cinema  
Unidad 2.2. The materials of documentary. Documentary and the avant-garde  
TEMA 3. Documentary, Reality, and the Truth  
3.1. From avant-garde to realism: the political turn  
3.2. Documentary and the truth. Ethnographic cinema, the cinéma vérité and direct cinema  
TEMA 4. History, Memory, and Archive  
Unidad 4.1. Documentary and history. Uses and abuses of the archival image  
Unidad 4.2. Documentary and memory  
TEMA 5. The political Writing(s) of Reality  
Unidad 5.1. Solidarity and Humanitarianism. A critical approach  
Unidad 5.2. Activism and guerrilla  
TEMA 6. The subject in documentary  
6.1. The writing(s) of the self  
6.2. The limits of the visible  
TEMA 7. Transforming the World. Reality, Imagination, and Utopia  
7.1. A culture of recycling. From the found footage film to the collage documentary  
7.2. The Film Essay

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Lectures. Competences 1 and 2.
- Practical sessions. Workshop on film and video creation with group tutorials in the classroom. Competence 3.
- Student's work

Tutored planning and design for the production and realization of the audiovisual. Writing a memoir about the developed projects. Preparation and pitching of a video work dealing with the aspects addressed in the workshop on film and video creation. Competence 3.

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Final exam: 50%.
- Production work / Practice and pitch: 50 %.
- Proactive and well-reasoned participation of the students in practical sessions and tutorials will be assessed positively and will improve the final mark.

<b>% end-of-term-examination:</b>	50
<b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	50

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