

Theory of documentary film and news reporting

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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 : 1 Semester : 1

OBJECTIVES

Students will learn:

How documentary rhetoric works in a different kind of "factual" audiovisual narratives.
 The political and ideological implications of factual narratives and their modes of reception.
 The historical evolution documentary film and its main features.
 The evolution and transformations of the documentary genre in the digital context.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Introduction to the notion of documentary: historical and epistemological questions
2. Narrating reality?: Mise-en-scène and rhetorical mediation
3. Boundaries of documentary film
4. Imaginaries of documentary film
5. Documentary and historical narratives
6. "Documentary effect" and modes of reception
7. Recaps and discussion of projects

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Learnig activities
 Master class
 Practical sessions:
 Teamwork
 Individual work
 Workshops and seminars

Methodology:

Master Class are intended to develop critical skills among students. They incorporate case studies, textual and audiovisual analysis, presentations and discussions, and the elaboration of brief essays (audiovisual or textual). Homework assignments include the creation of short audiovisual pieces, critical readings, and rhetorical structure analysis.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Final exam and continuous assessment through different pieces of work explained in the extended syllabus.

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

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Lozano, Jorge El discurso histórico, Alianza Universidad , 1994
- Nichols, Bill Representing Reality: Issues and Concepts in Documentary, Indiana University Press, 1992
- Zunzunegui, Santos Pensar la imagen , Cátedra, 2007

BASIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- Pilar Carrera . OCW Teoría y análisis del documental audiovisual. Material de clase :
<http://ocw.uc3m.es/periodismo/teoria-y-analisis-del-documental-audiovisual-2013/material-de-clase>
- Pilar Carrera et al. . Documentary. New trends, new formats (spanish / english):
<https://www.edx.org/course/documental-nuevas-tendencias-nuevos-uc3mx-pca-1x>