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## Media Psychology

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Department assigned to the subject: Communication and Media Studies Department

Coordinating teacher: GARCIA LOPEZ, SONIA

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 1 Semester: 2

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

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

Introduction to Communication and Media Studies Information Skills
Writing and Communication Skills
Image Theory

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Ability to identify basic psychological processes in communication (R1, CG4, CE3).
- 2. Basic knowledge of psychological functions and mechanisms involved in communication processes (R1, CG3, CG6, CE5).
- 3. Ability to identify and understand psychological dimensions in reception processes. Knowledge to identify and understand psychological effects of media on human development (R2, CE3).
- 4. Introductory knowledge about mediations and the ecological system of mediations in human mind (R2, CE5).

## **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

MODULE 1. Essentials of psychophysics and phenomenology of the spectatorship experience in pre-cinema and in early cinema

- 1.1. Reality as a sign system.
- 1.2. Essentials of the psychophysics of perception in the moving image.
- 1.3. The assimilation of the representational patterns of the moving image and the building of the pectatorship.

## MODULE 2. Narrative cinema as a desiring journey

- 2.1. Construction and perception of the cinematic message through the continuity.
- 2.2. The Cinematic Identifications.
- 2.3. The associative logic of the dreams and the subversion of reality.
- 2.4. The cinema of attractions: fascination and the emotional shock.

# MODULE 3. Building emotions on cinema and on the media

- 3.1. Building emotions on cinema and on the media I
- 3.2. Building emotions on cinema and on the media II
- 3.3. Building emotions on cinema and on the media III
- 3.4. Building emotions on cinema and on the media IV

# MODULE 4. New modes of perception in the digital era. Autenticity and spectacle

- 4.1. Information logics and the perception of reality in the digital era.
- 4.2. The logic of spectacle and the return to the cinema of attractions.
- 4.3. Cinema, reality, and the missing trace. Phenomenology of perception in the present time.

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- 1. Lectures or class presentations on psychological processes, mediation and reception. Reasoned and interactive presentation supported by slides presentations and/or audiovisual media, in which the main concepts of the subject are developed and the materials and bibliography are provided to complement the students' learning. 1,5 ECTS (R1, R6)
- 2. Seminars, classroom and everyday experiences in psychological processes concerning basic functions. 1 ECTS (R2, R3).
- 3. Student's work (R1, R2, R3, R4)
- -Supervised study of the theoretical and practical contents and teaching materials. 1,3 ECTS (CG4, CG6, R1, R6, CE3, CE5).
- -Term papers. Writing an academic essay on technology and media processes applying the program's theoretical and practical criteria. 2 ECTS (CG4, CB1, CB5 R2, R3, R10).
- 4. Tutoring sessions. . Individualized attendance (individual tutoring sessions) or in-group (group tutoring sessions) for students with teacher as tutor. 0,2 ECTS.

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

% end-of-term-examination/test:

50

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):

50

Each student is required to fulfill:

- -Final exam: 50% (R1, R2, R10).
- -Exam based in the contents of the program, and the course's texts and films. To pass the subject, it is required taking the final exam and getting a qualification in said test that accredits a minimum performance in the study of the subject (passing grade: 2,5 out of 5, or 5 out of 10 points). In the make-up exam (June) it will be possible to a) grade the exam up to a 100% of the final grade or b) get the grading point average (GPA) out of the continuous evaluation and the exam grades (50% for the exam and 50% for the continuous evaluation).
- -Midterm exercise / Essay / Seminars: 50% (R3, R6, R10).
- -Involvement and participation will be additionally and specifically considered.
- Absences or late submissions must be duly justified and communicated to the faculty by e-mail before the due date or, if applicable, before the class presentation.

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