

## Fiction Videomaking

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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 : 4 Semester : 2

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

Practical course with an extensive use of production and postproduction facilities and software, sound equipment and video cameras. Basic knowledge of technical aspects of filmmaking is recommended. Without this knowledge, do not take this course.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Capacity to plan and handle the technical and human resources shooting films as well as the techniques and processes of creation.
2. Capacity to direct/shoot film according to a step outline, script and shooting plan.
3. Capacity to explore the technical and expressive qualities and techniques of the moving image.
4. Experience in techniques, procedures and processes of shooting and postproduction of short films.
5. Capacity to utilize sound and videorecording devices.
6. Detailed knowledge of concepts of film analysis in terms of mise-en-scene, cinematography, editing and sound for practical purposes.
7. Capacity to relate cinema to other visual arts such as painting and photography.

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- Introduction to fiction videomaking.
- Framing: from photography and painting to the cinema.
- Mise-en-scene and framing: angles and composition.
- Cinematography: lenses, lighting and depth of field.
- Digital camera and sound equipment advanced functions and techniques.
- Continuity, editing.
- Editing: alternatives to continuity.
- Sound: aesthetics and recording.
- Shot/Reverse shot: theory and practice
- Script: from the step outline to the script and storyboard.

- Script and Storyboard seminar
- Shooting and editing of the final project

Workshop lighting:

This workshop deals with complex lighting set ups that involve multiple characters in front of the camera and their subsequent movements in relation to the frame. The workshop is a key complement to basic concepts and tools that have already been explored throughout the course. In each workshop, students will work in a specific scene, its lighting challenges and the acquisition of a series of solutions/concepts to achieve their goals.

**LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY**

- Theoretical classes

Film analysis and script writing. Learning of shooting and postproduction equipment. Competencies 1, 2, 6 and 7

- Practical classes

Work groups. Shooting and postproduction practical exercises with input from instructor. Competencies 1, 2,3 4 and 5.

- Student's work

Calendar:

- Sound Exercise: Week 5
- Composition Exercise Week 7
- Shot / Reverse Shot Exercise Week 8 or 9
- Final Short Exercise Week 12, 13 and 14. .

**ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

<b>% end-of-term-examination:</b>	30
<b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	70

Continuous evaluation option:

- Final exam: 30% of the final grade, based on readings and contents available on Aula Global. It is necessary to pass this exam to pass the course.
- Continuous evaluation through the realization of several practical exercises that are 70% of the final grade. Some of these are individual, others are in group.
- The active and knowledgeable participation on the student's behalf in the practical exercises and meetings with the instructor will be taken into consideration for the final grade.

Non continuous evaluation option:

- Final exam: 100% of the final grade. Based on readings and contents available on aula global.

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#### ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Thurlow, Clifford and Thurlow, Max Making Short Films, Third Edition: The Complete Guide from Script to Screen, Bloomsbury, 2013
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#### BASIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- Film Shortage . Film Shortage: <https://filmshortage.com/>

- Short of the Week . Short of the Week: <https://www.shortoftheweek.com/>