

DEGREE: **DEGREE IN ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

1. GENERAL DETAILS OF THE SUBJECT

Name: **THEORY AND TECHNIQUE OF ADVERTISING PHOTOGRAPHY**

Level: 3º

Term: 1º

Type: ☐ Basic

☒ Compulsory

☐ Elective subject

Credits (LRU / ECTS): 6

Theoretical credits:

Practical credits:

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2. DESCRIPTION

This unit combines a theoretical and practical approach to advertising photography. At the end of the course the student will be able to plan and realize an advertising photo assignment.

Using slide presentations and group discussion, we will outline an itinerary throughout the main movements in the history of the medium and its evolution until today.

There will be weekly practical exercises and one major project that the tutor will supervise and co-edit during the course.

As the course is oriented to exchange students, special attention will be given to contemporary Spanish photography.

3. SITUATION

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

The course will start from the beginning of photography foundations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To have a camera that allows manual mode shooting. To have a laptop and any image editing software. (Recommended free software are: GIMP (like Photoshop) and DARKTABLE (like Adobe Lightroom))

4. SKILLS

SPECIFIC SKILLS

Knowledge of the History of Photography.

A critical approach to Advertising Photography messages.

Ability to create photo-advertising proposals and designs.

TRANSVERSAL GENERIC SKILLS

Ability to communicate through images and words.

Ability to be critic and self-critic.

Teamwork ability.

5. OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVES

- Familiarise students with the possibilities of photography as a way of communication, its rhetoric and creative possibilities.
- Provide an analytic approach to contemporary images with special attention to advertising photography.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Provide a solid understanding of the camera and how to use technical aspects (shutter, lens, etc.) to creative effect.
- Develop the student skills in order to create own advertising photography proposals.
- Explore the portrait through the use of depth, distance, composition and light.
- Discover the inspiration of visual research in the creative practice of photography.
- Develop the student skills in image analysis, with special attention to advertising photography.
- Develop the student knowledge of photography's History (Photograph-isms)
- Improve social and workgroup skills.

6. METHODOLOGY AND TEACHING TECHNIQUES

METHODOLOGY

The classes are based in a participative method which fosters a proactive role among students, through activities such as debates and group analysis on a number of subjects such as history of photography, aesthetic, main photographers, etc...

TEACHING TECHNIQUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Master class and discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial session | <input type="checkbox"/> Practical lessons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visits and trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading test | X Others: _____ |



Visits to exhibitions, art centres, galleries, institutions and cultural heritage places:

Photo walks: Technical basis.

- Camera Obscura: Torre de los perdigones (Seville).
- Guadalquivir River and its surroundings.
- Triana's Market.
- CAAC Andalusian Centre for Contemporary Art (Seville).
- Fototeca Municipal de Sevilla.
- Pottery Museum in Triana.

7. LIST OF TOPICS

- 1.- AN INTRODUCTION TO VISUAL CULTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY AND ADVERTISING.
- 2.- FOUNDATIONS IN PHOTOGRAPHY.
- 3.- IMAGE ANALYSIS
- 4.- PHOTOGRAPH-ISMS
- 5.- PRACTICES IN ADVERTISING PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1.- AN INTRODUCTION TO VISUAL CULTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY AND ADVERTISING.

- Information, communication and knowledge.
- Visual Culture and Visual Studies.
- A kind of classification: photo-doc; photo-art, photo-ad,
- Visual communication and advertising.
- Telling stories through photography.

- 2a.- FOUNDATIONS IN PHOTOGRAPHY I.

- The "camera obscura" and the fixed image.
- The eye and the camera.
- Understanding light.
- Small, medium and large format cameras.
- Different types of lenses and its meaning
- The exposition triangle: ISO, shutter speed and aperture.
- Composition.

- 2 b.- FOUNDATIONS IN PHOTOGRAPHY II: DIGITAL PROCESS.

- Analogical and digital photography: differences and similarities.
- Images files (Raw, Tiff, Jpg, etc)
- Picture optimization and retouching. Workflow. Raw archives.
- Size of images.
- Digital Black and White.

- 3.- IMAGE ANALYSIS

- Visual semiotics.
- Cultural Studies.
- Image analysis methodology in four levels.

- 4a.- PHOTOGRAPH-ISMS I

- The invention of photography (1926 -1910S)
- Into the modern (1850S - 1930s)
- Society & Humanity (1930s - 1970s)

4b.- PHOTOGRAPH-ISMS II

- From Poswar Era to Postmodern (1950s - 1990s)
- Contemporary Photography (1980s - Nowadays)
- Annex: Contemporary Spanish Photography.

5.- PRACTICES IN ADVERTISING PHOTOGRAPHY

- From the 1960's to the present day.
- Conceptual proposals: Photo & time, Photo & text, Photo & fiction
- The editing process.
- Final photo project.

ASSIGMENTS (PRACTICES)

There will be weekly assignments based on briefs. Students should create an on-line gallery in **Flickr** to upload all the practices.

8. REFERENCES

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 www.aperture.org
 www.bjp-online.com - British Journal Of Photography - London
 www.camera-austria.at Camera Austria Magazine
 www.deepsleep.org.uk - Edited by a London photographers collective
 www.exitmedia.net Spanish Editorial on Phtography
 www.fulltable.com - Bank of resources on visual narratives
 www.icp.org - International Center of Photography N.Y.
 www.lensculture.com On-line Magazine
 www.photovision.es -Revista Photovision - Sevilla
 www.seesawmagazine.com
 www.hyperallergic.com - Magazine on Art and its Discontents
 www.1000wordsmag.com - On contemporary photography

Technique:

<http://ntic.educacion.es/w3/eos/MaterialesEducativos/mem2006/fotografia/index.html>
<http://camerasim.com/camera-simulator/>
<http://dofsimulator.net/en/>

Image analysis:

http://www.analisisfotografia.uji.es/root2/intr_ingl.html

Other:

Centro Virtual Instituto Cervantes
<http://cvc.cervantes.es/artes/fotografia/default.htm>

Films:

CONTACTS Idea by William Klein
 LIFE THROGH A LENS Annie Leibovitz
 WAR PHOTOGRAPHER James Natchwey
 BLOW UP Michelangelo Antonioni
 HOCKNEY (David) - On Photography
 SUMO - Helmut Newton
 THE GENIUS OF PHOTOGRAPHY - BBC
 THE GREAT MOVEMENTS IN PHOTOGRAPHY vol. 3 Arte Editions.

9. ASSESSMENT CRITERIAOPTION A

Attendance (> 75%)	
Attitude + weekly assignments	
+ midterm + final research presentation	

We will follow a continuous assessment based in different practical and theoretical work during the course. The student will be evaluated through the different practices assigned in class. There will be a midterm assessment on the theoretical contents seen up until that point. It will be based on a written exam that includes an image analysis.

The student's mark will depend upon:

Participation during seminars: 10 %

Practices: 40 %

Ad photo project: 20%

Final exam: 30 %

OPTION B

Attendance (< 75%)

Final exam (50 %) + research / creative project (50%)

The student that choose this assessment option will notify it to the professor before the end of October.

10. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

ECTS	
Lessons (6 * 10)	60
Students' work (6 * 15)	90
TOTAL (6 * 25)	150

	Theoretical sessions		Practical sessions		Activity			Exams		Units
	Lessons	Students' work	Lessons	Students' work	Nº	Length	Students' work	Exams	Students' work	
Week 1 ^a	2		2				2			
Week 2 ^a	1		1			2	2			
Week 3 ^a			2	1		2	2			
Week 4 ^a	1	1	1	1		2	2			
Week 5 ^a	2	1	2	1			2			
Week 6 ^a	1	1	1	1		2	2			
Week 7 ^a			4	4			10			
Week 8 ^a		1	2			2	5	2	8	
Week 9 ^a	2			1		2	4			
Week 10 ^a	2	1	2	1			4			
Week 11 ^a	2	1		2		2	4			
Week 12 ^a	1	1	1	2		2	2			
Week 13 ^a	2		2				2			
Week 14 ^a			2			2	10			
Week 15 ^a			2	3			5			
Week 16 ^a										
Week 17 ^a										
Week 18 ^a										
Week 19 ^a										
Week 20 ^a										
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)		(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	TOTAL
Horas Totales	16	7	24	17		18	58	2	8	150

Activities	
Nº	Description
1	Photography practices out of Campus EUSA
2	Image analysis

3	Exhibition visits
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5	
6	
7	
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Organization	
Theoretical and practical lessons (A)+(C)	40
Activities developed in the class (E)	18
Exams and test (G)	2
Attendance	60
Study (theory and practice) (B)+(D)	24
Preparation of the activities (F)	58
Study for exams (H)	8
Students' work	90
TOTAL (STUDENTS' WORK)	150