

1. OVERVIEW

Subject area	Introduction to Photography
Degree	Bachelor's Degree in Audiovisual Communication
School/Faculty	Social Sciences and Communication
Year	1st
ECTS	6 ECTS
Type	Core
Language(s)	Spanish/English
Delivery Mode	Campus-based
Semester	First semester
Year	2023/2024
Coordinating professor	Rosa María Matesanz Alonso
Teacher	Rosa María Matesanz Alonso

2. INTRODUCTION

"Introduction to Photography" is a subject area within the Bachelor's Degree of Audiovisual Communication, worth 6 ECTS. The aim of this subject area is for the student to master photography techniques so that he/she can create visual results in this field. The contents are taught in a theoretical and practical manner through analysing and synthesising the principles that enable photograph forming, capturing and recording.

3. SKILLS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

General and basic skills (CG and CB, respectively, by their acronym in Spanish):

- CB1: Students have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of a study area originating from general secondary school education, and are usually at the level where, with the support of more advanced textbooks, they may also demonstrate awareness of the latest developments in their field of study.
- CB3: Students have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (normally within their area of study) to form opinions which include reflecting on relevant social, scientific or ethical matters.
- CB4: Students can convey information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.

- CG1: Ability to identify, interpret, formulate and solve problems arising in the field of Audiovisual Communication.
- CG2: Ability to understand and transmit the different social, cultural and political realities in audiovisual products, and apply the current regulations from an open and tolerant viewpoint.
- CG3: Ability to develop audiovisual projects and products.

Cross-curricular skills (CT, by their acronym in Spanish):

- CT1: Independent Learning: Ability to choose the most effective strategies, tools and opportunities for learning and independently put into practice what has been learnt.
- CT4: Ability to analyse and synthesize: Being able to break down complex problems into manageable blocks, as well as evaluate alternatives and perspectives to find the ideal solution. Synthesising to reduce complexity and better understand the situation and/or solve problems.
- CT6: Oral or written communication: Ability to convey and receive information, ideas, opinions and attitudes to achieve understand and action. Oral communication by means of words and gestures and written communication by means of written and/or visual aids.
- CT8: Information management: Ability to seek, choose, analyse and integrate information from diverse sources.
- CT12: Critical thinking: Ability to analyse an idea, occurrence or situation from different perspectives and adopt a personal viewpoint based on scientific rigour and objective reasoning, rather than intuition.

Specific skills (CE, by their acronym in Spanish):

- CE1: Knowledge of the specific hierarchical structure of the audiovisual industry at national and international level, as well as the peculiarities of this sector and its role in the global economy.
- CE2: Knowledge of the main narrative techniques to apply them to the process of generating audiovisual fiction content.
- CE4: Ability to critically analyse, reflect on and explain objective aspects of audiovisual products.

- CE5: Knowledge of the historical evolution of audiovisual communication in the different processes of social, technological and economic transformation which it has undergone in the different fields of cultural industries.
- CE10: Knowledge of the foundations and techniques of photography and how to apply them for digital image creation.
- CE12: Knowledge of linguistic resources and audiovisual communication techniques for their application in the production of audiovisual productions.
- CE18: Ability to identify trends in each of the communication disciplines in terms of their application within the audiovisual sector.
- CE20: Ability to innovate, analyse and criticise new proposals and products in the audiovisual media and other aids when creating new audiovisual formats.
- CE22: Knowledge of the correct use of Spanish, both spoken and written, as a means of transmitting information in the audiovisual field and in a professional environment.

Learning outcomes (RA, by their acronym in Spanish):

- RA1: Use and handling of photography devices.
- RA2: Idea management.
- RA3: Photography project implementation and professional portfolio development.
- RA4: Photography industry.

The following table shows how the skills developed in the subject area relate to the intended learning outcomes:

Skills	Learning outcomes
CB4, CG3, CT1, CE5, CE10	LEARNING UNIT 2. Use and handling of photography devices.
CB3, CG1, CG3, CT4, CT6, CT8, CT12, CE2, CE4, CE12, CE18, CE20, CE22	LEARNING UNIT 2. Idea management.
CB3, CG1, CG2, CG3, CT1, CT4, CT6, CT8, CE2, CE4, CE10, CE12, CE18, CE20, CE22	RA3: Photography project implementation and professional portfolio development.
CB1, CG3, CT1, CE1, CE5, CE10	RA4: Photography industry.

4. CONTENTS

Introduction to traditional techniques (photography).

Universal film camera vs. DSLR.

Traditional laboratory and digital laboratory.

Basic lighting and photometry.

Formats: 35mm, medium format and large format.

5. TEACHING-LEARNING METHODS

The types of teaching-learning methods are as follows:

- Lectures.
- Flipped Classroom.
- Learning based on workshop experiences.

6. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

The types of learning activities, plus the amount of time spent on each activity, are as follows:

Campus-based:

Learning activity	Number of hours	% of attendance
Lectures	30h	100%
Asynchronous lectures	10h	0%
Debates and discussions	10h	100%
Oral presentations	3h	100%
Group activities (seminars, forums)	15h	20%
Project development and design	22h	0%
Group tutorials	10h	100%
Independent working	30h	0%
Case studies, problem solving, project development, simulation.	20h	20%
TOTALS	150h	

7. ASSESSMENT

The assessment systems, plus their weighting in the final grade for the subject area, are as follows:

Assessment system	Weighting
Oral presentations	25%
Projects	35%
On-campus knowledge tests	40%

On the Virtual Campus, when you open the subject area, you can see all the details of your assessable tasks and the deadlines and assessment procedures for each task.

7.1. Ordinary exam period

To pass the subject area in the ordinary exam period you must obtain a grade higher than or equal to 5.0 out of 10.0 in the final grade (weighted average) for the subject area.

In any case, it is necessary that you obtain a grade higher than or equal to 4.0 in the final exam, so that it can be averaged with the rest of the tasks.

7.2. Extraordinary exam period (resits)

To pass the subject area in the extraordinary exam period (resits) you must obtain a grade higher than or equal to 5.0 out of 10.0 in the final grade (weighted average) for the subject area.

In any case, it is necessary that you obtain a grade higher than or equal to 4.0 in the final exam, so that it can be averaged with the rest of the tasks.

Tasks not passed in the ordinary exam period, or those not delivered, must now be delivered after having received the relevant corrections to them by the professor.

A practical camera handling test may also be held on the day of the exam session.

8. TIMELINE

The timeline with delivery dates of assessable tasks in the subject area is indicated in this section:

Assessable tasks	Date
Activity 1	Weeks 2-3
Activity 2	Weeks 4-12
Activity 3	Weeks 4-6

Activity 4	Weeks 7-9
Activity 5	Weeks 10-12
Activity 6	Weeks 13-15
Activity 7	Weeks 16-18
Activity 8	Week 18
Activity 9	Week 14 and week 18

The timeline may be subject to modifications for logistical reasons. Students will be informed of any changes in due time and course.

9. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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10. DIVERSITY AWARENESS UNIT

Students with special educational needs:

To ensure equal opportunities, curricular adaptations or adjustments for students with special educational needs will be outlined by the Diversity Awareness Unit (UAD, Spanish acronym).

As an essential requirement, students with special educational needs must obtain a report about the curricular adaptations/adjustments from the Diversity Awareness Unit by contacting unidad.diversidad@universidadeuropea.es at the beginning of each semester.

11. STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS

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