

Courses' Descriptions



DEPARTMENT OF AUDIO & VISUAL ARTS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. GENERAL

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SCHOOL	MUSIC AND AUDIOVISUAL ARTS			
DEPARTMENT	AUDIO AND VISUAL ARTS			
LEVEL	Undergraduate			
COURSE CODE	VIS231	SEMESTER	2 nd	
COURSE TITLE	Introduction to Photography			
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES		WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS	ECTS	
Lecture		2	4	
COURSE CATEGORY	General Background			
COURSE TYPE	Elective			
PREREQUISITES	-			
LANGUAGE OF TEACHING and EXAMINATIONS	Greek			
THE COURSE IS OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	YES (In English)			
URL	https://avarts.ionio.gr/en/studies/undergraduate/courses-descriptions/vis231/			
ECLASS	https://opencourses.ionio.gr/courses/DAVA195/			

2. TEACHING RESULTS

Teaching Results

The student is brought in contact with the first hundred years of History of Photography (its evolution since mid 20th century to our days being covered by another course) in order that he/she is acquainted with the photographic picture's peculiar visual characteristics. This knowledge is considered to be a necessary basis for the subsequent photography classes.

General Skills

- · Seek, analyze and synthesize data
- Autonomous work
- Team work
- Project design and management
- · Freedom of thought

3. CONTENT

The course deals with photography's historic evolution from the time of its discovery up to mid 20th century. The basic photographic techniques of the period are examined (Daguerreotype, Calotype, Wet Plate, Gelatin Silver Bromide Plate), together with issues concerning photography's visual characteristics through analysis of important professional and amateur photographers' work (from Nadar and Cameron to Stieglitz and Cartier-Bresson). With regard to the latter issue, the course examines as well the relationship between photography and painting (mid 19th century Photographic Pictorialism, 19th century Realist painting, Modern Movement). Documentary Photography and Photojournalism are being dealt with, with regard to their peculiar visual handling.

1st Week: General introduction to the courses' syllabus and aims

2nd Week: Advent of Photography and reasons for its discovery

3rd Week: First inventors. Daguerreotype and Calotype

4th Week: Wet Plate. Photography and Recording (O'Sullivan, Jackson, Marville); Portrait, the work of Nadar and Carjat 5th Week: Photographic Pictorialism; Photography and mid 19th century Realist Painting. References and comparisons

6th Week: Muybridge and the evolution of technique; advent of Gelatin Silver Bromide Plate. Emerson's work and its

importance; introduction to Stieglitz's work

7th Week: Intermediate test

8th Week: USA, Straight Photography. Atget, Patzsch and relative European references

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9th Week: European 'Instant Vision' Photography

10th Week: Modern Movement in Visual Arts and its Photographic expressions 11th Week: Advent of Social Documentary Photography; USA: Riis, Hine and FSA

12th Week: Birth of mass illustrated magazines in mid-war Europe and USA; the advent of Photojournalism

13th Week: Summary

4. TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

TEACHING METHOD	Lectures		
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES	Enhanced by multimedia content. The learning process is supported by the asyncrhonous e-learning platform e-class.		
TEACHING STRUCTURE	Activity Semester Workload Lectures 26 Literature Study and 48 Analysis Practice and Preparation 26 Course Total (ECTS: 4) 100		
EVALUATION OF STUDENTS	Written or oral test		

5. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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