UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Cinema Communication

2425-2-E2004P020

Learning area

1. STUDY OF THE MEANS BY WHICH COMMUNICATION TAKES PLACE.

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

- The story of cinema from its birth to the digital era, its artistic and linguistic evolution and the technological development.
- The production and distribution of the film: roles, dynamics, challenges.

Applying knowledge and understanding

- Analysis of specific scenes of a film according to the different elements of the artistic and technical choices of the director.

Contents

The workshop aims to offer a 360° overview of cinema in all its aspects: historical and cultural, expressive and linguistic, industrial and commercial. After analyzing the historical evolution and linguistic functions and sense-making of the cinematic apparatus, the laboratory will allow students to learn about the path that goes from concept and creation to commercial distribution of a film, browsing crafts and the main practices of the film industry, including festivals and markets.

Detailed program

- History of cinema from silent films to digital.
- The language of cinema: theories and practices.
- The production and cinema professions.
- The voyage of films: festivals and markets.
- The distribution in Italy.
- The future of cinema.

Prerequisites

No specific requirement.

Teaching methods

6 classes of 4 hours of laboratory. Each class will consist of 2 hours of lecture-based class and 2 hours of interactive class. All 24 hours are expected to be in-person classes. Teaching will be in Italian language.

Specifically, each lesson will begin with a theoretical in-depth analysis of the topics covered in the laboratory (first 2 hours), while the second part of each lesson (subsequent 2 hours) will be dedicated to the detailed study of particularly relevant cinematographic scenes to be discussed with the students.

Assessment methods

For the achievement of credits is required to attend at least 18 hours of classes and to write a paper, i.e. a written analysis of a sequence of a film (your choice) at least two pages long. In analyzing the sequence of a film the following aspects will be evaluated: 1) the narrative function of the scene with respect to the film as a whole; 2) the staging chosen by the director; 3) style of acting and dialogue; 4) editing; 5) music; 6) photography; 7) production design; 8) costumes.

Students may apply the concepts learned and the methods of analysis applied and shared during the lessons to a freely chosen sequence of a film or TV series. The result of this work will be presented to the class and shared through a group discussion during the last lesson.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Testi consigliati (per approfondimento):

- Gian Piero Brunetta, *Cent'anni di cinema italiano*, Laterza, 1998
- Gian Piero Brunetta (a cura di), *Soria del cinema mondiale*, Einaudi, 2001
- René Prédal, *Cinema: cent'anni di storia*, Baldini Castoldi Dalai, 2001

- André Bazin, *Che cosa è il cinema*, Garzanti, 1999
- Pierre Sorlin, *Gli italiani al cinema. Pubblico e società nel cinema italiano*, Tre Lune, 2009
- Noel Burch, *Prassi del cinema*, Il Castoro, 2000
- Seymour Chatman, *Storia e discorso*, Il Saggiatore, 2003
- Sergej M. Ejzenstejn, *Teoria generale del montaggio*, Marsilio, 2004
- Sergej M. Ejzenstejn, *La regia. L'arte della messa in scena*, Marsilio, 1998
- Syd Field, *La sceneggiatura*, Lupetti, 1999
- Gavin Millar, Karel Reisz, *La tecnica del montaggio cinematografico*, Lindau, 2001
- François Truffaut, *Il cinema secondo Hitchcock*, Il Saggiatore, 2009
- Christian Metz, *Cinema e psicanalisi*, Marslio, 2006
- Paola Valentini,* Il suono nel cinema*, Marsilio, 2006
- Vittorio Gallese, Michele Guerra, *Lo schermo empatico*, Cortina, 2015
- Frederic Martel, *Mainstream*, Feltrinelli, 2011
- Tullio Kezich, *Dino*, Feltrinelli, 2008
- Mark Cousins, *The Story of Films*, (8 DVD), Bim Distribuzione

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