Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: Audiovisual Media

Course Unit Title: Media Theory

Course Unit Code: TEME

Name of Lecturer(s): Maravić M. Manojlo

Type and Level of Studies: Undergraduate academic studies

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Compulsory

Semester (winter/summer): Winter/Summer

Language of instruction: English

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face

Number of ECTS Allocated: 8

Prerequisites: None

Course Aims: Introduction to the basic concepts of media theory.

Learning Outcomes: Students are competent for a theoretical discussion about media, based on the presented course

content.

Syllabus:

Theory

Students will be introduced to the basic directions in media theory and media critique, such as theoretical approaches of Theodor Adorno, Walter Benjamin, Roland Barthes, Marshall McLuhan, Jean Baudrillard, Lev Manovich, John Fiske and other theoreticians whose ideas have contributed to the development of media studies. The contemporary topics and problems of media literacy, media convergence, ethics in media and creative industries will be analyzed.

Practice

Encouraging students to develop critical thinking and discussion, this will follow after students presenting their seminar papers and presentations.

Required Reading: Price, Stuart: Media Studies, Longman, London, 1998.

McLuhan, Marshall: Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man, MIT Press, Massachusetts, 1994.

Manovich, Lev: The Language of New Media, MIT Press, Massachusetts, 2001.

Baudrillard, Jean: Simulacra and Simulation, The University of Michigan Press, Michigan, 1994.

Weekly Contact Hours: 2 Lectures: 2 Practical work: 0

Teaching Methods:

Group lectures with the use of supplementary teaching and video material.

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points): 100

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class	20	written exam	
participation	20	written exam	
Practical work		oral exam	40
Preliminary exam(s)			
Seminar(s)	40		

The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam, project presentation, seminars, etc.