



## COURSE DATA

### DATA SUBJECT

**Code:** 33889  
**Name:** History of Photography  
**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies  
**ECTS Credits:** 6  
**Academic year:** 2025-26

### STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1006 - Degree in History of Art	Facultat de Geografia i Història	3	First quarter

### SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1006 - Degree in History of Art	History of contemporary art. Film history	COMPULSORY

### COORDINATION

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## SUMMARY

The study of the History of Photography is intended to analyse this artistic technique as a media for reality's representation as well as for artistic creation. Photography is strongly related to printing, painting, cinema, advertising and design. As photography has been widely used by artists and it has had a big impact in illustrated press, it is an essential tool to understand the evolution of both contemporary art and mass media. Among the main goals there is also to study a selection of the best photographers taken from the last two centuries. They will be considered from the very core of their times, trends and tendencies under historical perspectives to demonstrate that photography is a main creative force for every artistic and cultural movement from Romanticism on.

## PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

### RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS



There are no previous requirements to study this subject. It is not about training photographers, but enhancing History of Art specialists' knowledge through this subject whose inclusion in university syllabus is new to some extent. Nonetheless, it is advisable to remark that explanations on scientific principia will not be disregarded. Moreover, the practical side of this subject by the mean of photography workshops and professional collaborations will be fostered.

## COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Be able to apply a scientific methodology to any type of action and decision in relation to art history.

Be able to apply instrumental knowledge applied to art history to interpret and manage graphics, photographs, moving images, computer resources and artwork materials.

Be able to gather and interpret relevant data and to reflect and make judgments on different aspects of artistic production.

Be able to use the knowledge acquired to formulate hypotheses, make summaries and draw orderly conclusions.

Be able to work in teams and to integrate into multidisciplinary teams with professionals from other areas of knowledge.

Have an updated knowledge of bibliography and ability to analyse it critically, and be able to make a synthesis from a critical stand.

Make direct contact with artistic works through visits to historical monuments, museums and exhibitions that show this type of work to the public.

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

**1. The invention of Photography and its technical issues.**

**2. Consequences of invention: reproducibility and images' broadcasting.**

**3. The photographic portrait and the fostering of a brand new industry.**

**4. Photography and art. Pictorialism.**



**5. Photography rediscovers the world: a new visual language.**

**6. Photojournalism and documentary photography.**

**7. The role of photography in avant-garde.**

**8. Photography after World War II and in the context of digital culture.**

## WORKLOAD

### PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	45,00
Classroom practices	15,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>60,00</b>

### NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	5,00
Individual or group project	25,00
Independent study and work	35,00
Preparation of lessons	10,00
Preparation for assessment activities	10,00
Resolution of case studies	5,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>90,00</b>

## TEACHING METHODOLOGY

a) Three hours per week attending classes. Mostly theoretical classes but also some practices ones guided by the teacher using audiovisuals and images presentations. During the classes the essential aspects of the subject will be presented along with bibliographic references. In order to properly follow the classes, students will be required to prepare the previously indicated readings and materials. The practical component will consist in analysing and discussing images and texts.

b) Guided visits to exhibitions, attendance to workshops, seminars, lectures and films or documentary



projections aimed to enhance scientific background via some diverse experiences. The attendance to these activities will be considered as compulsory.

c) Tutorship's attendance. Students may attend to the previously arranged tutorship to make enquires on any aspect related to the subject o to be guided along their individual practical task.

## EVALUATION

1. Final exam on both theoretical and practical sides of the subject, to be done after the end of the class period. It is compulsory to get a minimum grade of 4 points out of 10 to add the rest of the grades.
2. Reading control and/or monitoring assessments.
3. Practical tasks' individual assessment.

In short:

Final exam 50-60%

Reading controls / monitoring assessments 20-30%

Individual practical tasks / activities' reports 10-30%

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