

Aesthetics of sound

COURSE GUIDE

BACHELOR'S IN FILMMAKING
Course 2025-2026

Course data

<i>Duration</i>	Annual
<i>Credits</i>	3 ECTS
<i>Modality</i>	In-person
<i>Language</i>	English
<i>Faculty</i>	Filmmaking
<i>Teacher</i>	Arturo Quispe

Course presentation

Conceptual approach to the aesthetic and narrative values of sound in the conception of an artistic and/or cinematographic work.

Student competencies

CG01	Utilizar diversas fuentes históricas, sociológicas, culturales y/o artísticas para la creación de proyectos audiovisuales.
CG03	Conocer los códigos éticos y deontológicos propios de la industria audiovisual.
CG04	Conocer las diferentes aplicaciones de los recursos tecnológicos propios de la creación audiovisual.
CG06	Communicate verbally or in writing the objectives and characteristics of an audiovisual piece, in Spanish and in a foreign language (level B2 MCERL).
CE01	Comprender las claves y especificidades de un proyecto audiovisual en sus diferentes formatos, géneros y tipologías.
CE04	Comprender la cinematografía de una manera abierta y multidireccional, desde las formas y formatos intrínsecamente relacionados con la industria del entretenimiento hasta aquellas manifestaciones expresivas que exploran estéticas de vanguardia y/o filosofías autorales.
CE05	Understand filmmaking in relation to the contemporary artistic and cultural panorama.
CE06	Know the different production models and their relationship to the demands of the audiovisual industry.
CE16	Design the sound of an audiovisual work through capture, conceptualization and the tonal and spatial composition of the dialogues, settings, effects and music.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course, each student must be able to:

1. Understand the philosophy and aesthetics of sound as an essential part of audiovisual narrative and film creation.
2. Know the lines of thought on sound in the history of film.
3. Develop the capacity and creativity to develop an artistic and conceptual discourse on sound.

4. Know and work with the primary concepts of audio creation and experimental sound.

Teaching methodology

MD1	Participatory masterclass.
MD2	Case studies and discussion.
MD3	Problem resolution and discussion of results.
MD5	Cooperative and collaborative learning.
MD6	Academic tutoring.

Course content

Content	<p>Conceptual approach to the aesthetic and narrative values of sound in the conception of an artistic and/or cinematic work.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sound in the design of mise-en-scène. Narrative devices of sound. 2. Conceptual transformations of the image with a sound atmosphere. 3. Forms and concepts of sound. Experimentation and avant-garde. 4. Synchronism and asynchronism. Sound vs. image. 5. The discourse of sound in currents of the art of film. 6. Audio creation and experimental sound. 7. Sound in contemporary stage trends.
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Learning activities

AF1	Theoretical and theoretical-practical classes.	21 hours
AF4	Art appreciation activities: attendance at seminars, visits to exhibitions or viewing of visual/audiovisual works.	6 hours
AF5	Search and selection of documentation, reading of supporting material and bibliographic and visual references.	30 hours
AF7	Evaluation.	3 hours
AF8	Autonomous study of theoretical content and autonomous preparation of practical work and activities.	30 hours

* The distribution of hours between training activities may undergo changes due to the academic needs of the course, the group and/or the teaching team.

Assessment

GENERAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ATTENDANCE

The classes are in-person, and attendance is mandatory, as it is a determining factor in the continuous assessment system, as well as in class attitude and participation. However, in exceptional cases due to health situations or family reconciliation, students may request online access as a methodological adaptation (for more information, please contact the student department).

MARKS

Continuous Assessment is a comprehensive assessment of each student's results judged on the assessment criteria described in the following section, on a scale of 0 to 10 as provided in current legislation.

Students wishing to bring up their grade in the extraordinary/re-assessment period must first contact the Registrar's Office to expressly waive in writing all of the marks they obtained in the regular assessment period. Their final assessment mark will be the mark obtained in re-assessment.

SPELLING AND EXPRESSION

Spelling and written expression are taken into account in the marking of written examinations and assignments. Written examinations cannot contain more than 2 spelling errors or 10 accent errors (omitted or misplaced). Assignments completed outside of the classroom may not contain more than 1 error.

UNIVERSITY WRITTEN REPORTS

These must have a title page, table of contents and bibliography listing at least 4 sources. These works must be original. Excerpts from other authors must be properly cited. Demonstrable plagiarism is an academic offense. If one student copies the work of another student, both shall be held accountable.

SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

REGULAR ASSESSMENT PERIOD

The teaching team will provide the details/specifications on the content or submission of assessment tasks; this information will be given in class or in a document made available to the student on the Virtual Course Space (in Spanish, *Aula Virtual*).

Assignments not submitted by the deadlines set by the teaching team will receive an assessment mark of 0..

<i>Assessment task (*)</i>	<i>Revaluable/non-revaluable</i>	<i>Minimum mark yes/no</i>	<i>% of final mark</i>
SE1 In-class tests and examinations (oral and/or written)	Revaluable	Yes	45%
SE3 Continuous assessment: weekly tasks and homework, periodical reports, problem resolution	Non reevaluable	No	45%

SE5 Attitude and participation	Non reevaluable	No	10%
			100%

(*) Records and evidence of all of the assessment tasks (writings, recordings, etc.) listed in this table will be kept and filed in the Registrar's Office.

EXTRAORDINARY/RE-ASSESSMENT PERIOD

Students that do not pass the course in the term it is delivered can attempt again in the extraordinary/re-assessment period, except in cases where the characteristics of the course make this impossible.

The teaching team will inform the student of the assessment tasks that will need to be done in re-assessment. The teaching team can decide whether to maintain the marks of 5.0 and above the student received over the course and in the regular assessment period.

REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT MARKS

As set out in the TAI School of the Arts Student Handbook.

Resources

RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY

RECOMMENDED FILMOGRAPHY

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE

VISITS, MASTER CLASSES, EVENTS AND ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS