

*Art history and aesthetics*  
COURSE GUIDE

BACHELOR'S IN PERFORMING ARTS AND SCREEN ACTING  
Course 2025/2026

## Course data

<i>Duration</i>	Annual
<i>Credits</i>	6 ECTS
<i>Modality</i>	In-person
<i>Language</i>	English
<i>Faculty</i>	Performing Arts
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## Course presentation

History of art and the main aesthetic ideas through time, in a theoretical-practical approach with some emphasis on the theatrical and scenographic event. Lecture content focused on artistic practice, styles and specific creations; practical content focused on different creative exercises built on major concepts related to the theoretical reflection on artistic activity throughout history. Connection to contemporary issues.

## Student competencies

CG01	Manage information from different sources and apply it to the area of stage and screen acting.
CG02	Generate own artistic concepts and develop the ability of expressing them through the tools and language of the stage and/or performing arts.
CG03	Apply the most appropriate working methods to overcome the challenges in the study and practice of individual and/or collective acting, seeking excellence and quality.
CG06	Develop in professional practice a professional ethic based on esthetic, environmental and diversity observation and sensibility.
CG07	Understand one's professional activity as a tool to raise awareness of the importance of the artistic creation and its impact in the development of sociocultural values.
CG08	Present in a written and spoken way the content and objectives of one's professional activity both to a non-professional public and to a specialized one, using correct technical and general vocabulary, both in Spanish and in a foreign language.
CG09	Know different study and research methodologies for expanding the ability to a continuous development and innovation in one's activity within the performing arts and audiovisual industries.
CG10	Develop critical discourses towards personal and interpersonal activity adapting to cultural, social, artistic and professional changes.

CE01	Acquire a comprehensive, critical vision of the history of the performing arts, its relationship to audiovisual culture, and the most influential trends in the artistic disciplines.
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## *Learning outcomes*

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

1. Apply their own independent thought to the aesthetic experience they are acquiring.
2. Discussion ideas on the basis of demonstrable and well-argued facts.
3. Develop a constructive critical spirit towards others and towards one's self.
4. Understand, assimilate a range of aesthetic concepts.
5. Defend their own artistic ideas.
6. Apply analytical, reflective and active reading to philosophical texts, applying these readings to their daily life.
7. Join in a group opinion.
8. Clearly and understandably explain a priori abstract concepts.

## *Teaching methodology*

MD1	Participatory lecture.
MD2	Case studies and debate.
MD3	Problem resolution and discussion of results.
MD5	Cooperative and collaborative learning.
MD6	Tutorials and guidance.

## *Contents*

<i>Content</i>	<p>Theoretical-Practical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brief introduction to art and aesthetics.</li> <li>2. How the arts are organised: art systems and their dissolution.</li> <li>3. Art as a field (of play and battle).</li> <li>4. Historical avant-gardes.</li> <li>5. The representation of characters/masks inside and outside the theatre.</li> <li>6. Rhetoric as the creation of the common.</li> <li>7. Art, theatre, audience and spectator.</li> </ol>
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## *Learning activities*

AF1	Theoretical and practical classes.	30 hours
AF2	Classroom/laboratory exercises and practicals.	15 hours
AF4	Art appreciation activities: attendance at seminars, visits to exhibitions or viewing of visual/audiovisual works.	12 hours
AF5	Research activities: research and selection of documentation, reading of supporting material and bibliographic and visual references.	40 hours
AF7	Evaluation.	3 hours
AF8	Self-study of theoretical content and independent preparation of practical work and activities.	80 hours

*\* The hours assigned to the different learning activities may vary depending on the academic needs of the course, the group 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 offence. 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	30%
SE2 Assignments and projects.	Revaluable	Yes	20%
SE3 Continuous assessment: weekly tasks and homework, periodical reports, problem resolution.	Non-revaluable	Yes	30%
SE5 Attitude and participation.	Non-revaluable	Yes	20%
			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 particular 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