Course Description

Course Unit

Contemporary Visual Arts

UC Code

98051

ECTS *Credits*

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S2

Faculty

Paula Horta

Class

TP 1

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

With an emphasis on late 20th century to 21st century art, this programme aims to 1) develop students' critical thinking and analytical skills through an introduction to different interpretive frameworks and theories that will be used to analyse and contextualise a range of media including painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, installation, and performance 2) examine how artists challenge conventions, categories, power, norms and histories of various artistic movements across a global geography; 3) investigate the ways in which contemporary artistic practices intersect with social and political matters; 4) explore innovations in artistic production, curatorial practices and museum spaces.

Grading and Assessment

This course follows a continuous assessment model. Students are expected to maintain regular attendance, contribute to in-class discussions and activities, complete all assignments and come to class prepared to discuss the reading material(s) scheduled for that day.

The assessment criteria are as follows:

Attendance and participation in class discussions that reflects critical thinking and an understanding of the assigned reading (25%); First Written Test (35%); Second Written Test OR Research Project to be presented and discussed in class (40%).

Submission of coursework

Late submission will not be accepted. Students should contact me at the earliest opportunity if they cannot meet the deadline for a medical reason and ask for permission for late submission in advance of the deadline. The student's request should be accompanied or followed by medical evidence or other documentation where appropriate.

Bibliography

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Prerequisites (if applicable)

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