

58 Visual Communications Module 6, 2019/20

Course Information

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Lectures: Monday & Thursday 10:30-12:20 Venue: PHBS Building, Room 415

Course Website: If any.

1. Course Description

1.1 Context

Course overview:

This Course aims to let the students understand the theories and practices relating to visual cultures across media, including film, TV, documentary, photography and advertisement, and the debates surrounding how these forms have 'represented reality'. Different visual cultures will be examined in social and historical context, and throughout a variety of theoretical perspectives that interrogate their relationship to the real events being represented. A range of materials will be used, both historical and contemporary, encouraging students to make intellectual connections across different periods, and between different visual technologies.

Prerequisites:

N/A

1.2 Textbooks and Reading Materials

马尔科姆·巴纳德,《理解视觉文化的方法》,商务印书馆,2013 陈永国 主编,《视觉文化研究读本》,北京大学出版社,2009 约翰伯格,《观看之道》,广西师范大学出版社,2015 居伊·德波,《景观社会》,南京大学出版社,2017 安德烈·巴赞,《电影是什么?》,商务印书馆,2017 大卫·波德维尔,《建构电影的意义:对电影解读方式的反思》,北京大学出版社,2017 比尔·尼科尔斯,《纪录片导论》(第2版),陈犀禾,刘宇清(译),2016 聂欣如,《纪录片概论》,复旦大学出版社,2010 吕新雨,《记录中国:当代中国新纪录运动》,三联书店,2003 苏珊•桑塔格,《论摄影》,上海译文出版社,2010 巫鸿,《聚焦:摄影在中国》,中国民族摄影艺术出版社,2017

2. Learning Outcomes

2.1 Intended Learning Outcomes

Learning Goals	Objectives	Assessment (YES		
		with NO)	details	or
1. Our graduates will be effective	1.1. Our students will produce quality business and research-oriented documents.	YES		
communicators.	1.2. Students are able to professionally present their ideas and also logically explain and defend their argument.	YES		
2. Our graduates will be skilled in team work and leadership.	2.1. Students will be able to lead and participate in group for projects, discussion, and presentation.	YES		
	2.2. Students will be able to apply leadership theories and related skills.	YES		
 Our graduates will be trained in ethics. 	3.1. In a case setting, students will use appropriate techniques to analyze business problems and identify the ethical aspects, provide a solution and defend it.	YES		
	3.2. Our students will practice ethics in the duration of the program.	YES		
 Our graduates will have a global perspective. 	4.1. Students will have an international exposure.	YES		
5. Our graduates will be skilled in problem- solving and critical	5.1. Our students will have a good understanding of fundamental theories in their fields.	YES		
thinking.	5.2. Our students will be prepared to face problems in various business settings and find solutions.	YES		
	5.3. Our students will demonstrate competency in critical thinking.	YES		

2.2 Course specific objectives

After the course, the students will be able

- To be aware of the histories of painting, camera, and other visual technologies;
- To understand and apply theories to analyse visual works
- To examine visual works in their social, cultural and industrial contexts;
- To explore the variety of theoretical debates around visual works;
- To have relevant knowledge and practical skills in initiating visual project, through writing proposals and be linked to production in the real world.

2.3 Assessment/Grading Details

Full attendance is required. Everyone is expected to be fully prepared with the assigned readings, and actively participate in the class discussions. The assignments will help students to

make incremental progress toward the course goal of completing a research thesis in visual communication. Specifically, the grading of this course can be broken down to the following:

Class attendance and participation	10%
Presentation	30%
Essay	60%

Presentation topics and essay questions will be released in the first few weeks of the course.

2.4 Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

It is important for a student's effort and credit to be recognized through class assessment. Credits earned for a student work due to efforts done by others are clearly unfair. Deliberate dishonesty is considered academic misconducts, which include plagiarism; cheating on assignments or examinations; engaging in unauthorized collaboration on academic work; taking, acquiring, or using test materials without faculty permission; submitting false or incomplete records of academic achievement; acting alone or in cooperation with another to falsify records or to obtain dishonestly grades, honors, awards, or professional endorsement; or altering, forging, or misusing a University academic record; or fabricating or falsifying of data, research procedures, or data analysis.

All assessments are subject to academic misconduct check. Misconduct check may include reproducing the assessment, providing a copy to another member of faculty, and/or communicate a copy of this assignment to the PHBS Discipline Committee. A suspected plagiarized document/assignment submitted to a plagiarism checking service may be kept in its database for future reference purpose.

Where violation is suspected, penalties will be implemented. The penalties for academic misconduct may include: deduction of honour points, a mark of zero on the assessment, a fail grade for the whole course, and reference of the matter to the Peking University Registrar.

For more information of plagiarism, please refer to PHBS Student Handbook.

Opening	Introduction
14 Nov	Screening: TBD
Week 1	Understanding Visual Cultures
18 Nov	References:
	约翰伯格,《观看之道》,广西师范大学出版社,2015
	马尔科姆•巴纳德,《理解视觉文化的方法》,商务印书馆,2013
	Screening: 《观看之道》
Week 1	Theories and approaches
21 Nov	References:
	安德烈•巴赞,《电影是什么?》
	大卫•波德维尔,《建构电影的意义:对电影解读方式的反思》
	Screening: The Man with the Movie Camera (1929)
Week 2	Film Industry
25 Nov	References:
	Bordwell, David; Kristin Thompson (2011), Minding Movies:
	Observations on the Art, Craft, and Business of Filmmaking. Chicago:
	University of Chicago Press.
	Screening: TBD
Week 2	Chinese films 1
28 Nov	References:
	Zhang Yingjin (2016) Chinese film history and historiography, Journal of
	<i>Chinese Cinemas</i> , 10 (1): 38-47.

3. Topics, Teaching and Assessment Schedule

	Screening: TBD
Week 3	Chinese films 2
2 Dec	References:
2 Dec	
	Zhang Yingjin (2016) Chinese film history and historiography, <i>Journal of</i>
	Chinese Cinemas, 10 (1): 38-47.
	Screening: TBD
Week 3	Documentary: modes and styles
5 Dec	References:
	B Nichols, 'How Can We Differentiate among Documentaries? Categories,
	Models, and the Expository and Poetic Modes of Documentary Film', and 'How
	Can We Describe the Observational, Participatory, Reflexive, and Performative
	Modes of Documentary Film?', in Introduction to Documentary. Indiana
	University Press, 3 rd edition, 2017.
	Screening: Triumph of the Will (1935), Life in a Day (2011)
Week 4	Documentary and reality show
9 Dec	References :
	Leigh H. Edwards, 'Chasing the Real: Reality Television and Documentary
	Forms', in Gary Don, and John Parris Springer, Docufictions: Essays in the
	Intersection of Documentary and Fictional Filmmaking, 2006, pp.253-269.
	Kilborn, R. Staging the Real: Factual TV Programming in the age of Big
	Brother, 2003, pp.152-185.
	Screening: 《奇遇人生》 (2018)
Week 4	Documentary and history (Guest Talk)
11 Dec	
Week 5	Short Video and Vlog
12 Dec	References:
	Aran, et al (2018) Broadcasting oneself: Visual Discovery of Vlogging
	Styles
Week 5	Practical training: to write a visual work proposal
19 Dec	
Week 6	Visual Rhetoric (Guest talk)
23 Dec	
Week 6	Photography
26 Dec	References:
	Sontag, Susan (1977), On Photography, Penguin Books, London
	《聚焦:摄影在中国》,中国民族摄影艺术出版社,2017
Week 7	Advertisement
30 Dec	References:
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Weels 7	居伊・德波,《景观社会》,南京大学出版社,2017
Week 7	Space, Power and Culture
2 Jan	Canalusian
Week 8	Conclusion
6 Jan	
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Week 8	Class Presentations
9 Jan	
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Week 9	Class Presentations
13 Jan	

4. Miscellaneous