

Higher School of Education and Training– Agadir

Bachelor's Degree in Education

Secondary Education – English Language



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Module Title: Introduction to media studies

Institution:	Higher School of Education and Training, Agadir
Cycle:	Bachelor's Degree in Education
Module Code :	M27
Semester:	4
Language of Instruction :	English
Nature of Module:	Disciplinary
Total Hours :	50 hours (40 in-person, 10 Online)
Nombre de credits :	4
Mode of Study :	In-person and Online (Hybrid)

1. MODULE SYLLABUS

1.1. Competencies to be acquired

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able:

- To understand key theories and methods of studying media, power, and social identities.
- To produce critical and visual analysis of a variety of media texts and modes of practice.
- To critically analyze the role of media in constructing gender and its intersections with race, religion, class, and sexuality.
- To address the role of new media technologies in challenging and/or reaffirming traditional constructions of gender.
- To develop writing, research and presentation skills pertaining to the field of Media Studies.
- To develop critical thinking, writing, and analytic skills through the production of original response papers.
- To become more responsible consumers—and future producers—of media texts and imagery

1.2. Knowledge to be acquired

This course seeks to:

• Provide students with a wide-ranging introduction to the issues important to Media Studies, including the development of new technologies (hard and soft), visual literacy, ideological analysis and the construction of content in visual and print media.

- Analyze local and global newspaper and magazine articles, billboards, ads in addition to other sources (contemporary art, film, video and new media) in order to have a critical understanding of popular culture and mass media productions.
- Develop writing, research and presentation skills pertaining to the field of Media Studies

1.3. Hourly Volume

Hourly Distribution by Teaching and Evaluation Activity:

(Tutorials and practical sessions are mandatory in disciplinary and vocational modules when required by their disciplinary nature. Practical work, excluding educational actions within a school, constitutes at least 20% of the total module hours.)

		Hourly volume (VH)						
Component of the Module EC	ECTS	Courses	TD	TP	Activities	Personal Work	Evaluation (assessment and final exam)	Total VH
	4	28	6			10	6	50
ECTS/VH global du module	4	28	6			10	6	50
% VH	4	56%	12%			20%	12%	100%

Hourly Distribution by Mode of Instruction:

Mode of Instruction	Face-to-face	Distance Learning	Alternating	Total VH
Volume Hour	40h	10h		50h
% of Total Volume	80%	20%		100%

1.4. Detailed Module Content Description

Week	Topics			
Week 1	Introduction and Course Overview			
	What Is Mass Communication?			
	Communication Defined Mass Communication and Culture			
Week 2	Culture as Socially Constructed			
	Shared Meaning.			

Week 3	Mass Media as Cultural Storytellers
	Dominant Culture Versus Mainstream Culture
	• Bill boards, Magazines, and New Technology.
Week 4	Media Literacy
	Elements of Media Literacy
	Media Literacy Skills
Week 5	Media Texts: Features and Deconstructions
	• What is a Text? Texts and Meanings/ Texts and Contexts
	Deconstructing Texts / Textual Analysis / Textual codes
Week 6	Semiotic Analysis
	Image Analysis
	Discourse Analysis
Week 7	Defining Audiences and Exploring their Relationship with Texts
	The Commodified Audience
	• The Active Audience
	• The Reading Audience / Gazing and Looking / Taking Pleasure
Week 8	Advertising and media? a relationship
	Advertising and Audiences
	Advertising and Persuasion
Week 9	Discourse, ideology, myths and representations
Week 10	Hard News, Soft News
	News Discourse
	News Mythologies
Week 11	Women's Magazines
	• Representations
	Narrative Strategies Pleasure and a Woman's Space
Week 12	Soaps as Gendered Genre
	Empowerment, Resistance, Ideology and Pleasure
Week 13	Revision and recapitulation
Week 14	Evaluation

1.5. Teaching Methods and Pedagogical Resources

- Interactive lectures
- Discussions
- Presentations
- Group-work
- Project work
- Hands-on applications

1.6. Distance Learning Modalities (If applicable)

Moodle, Google Classroom, and other platforms depending on the pedagogical team's choice and resource availability.

1.7. Description of Personal Work (If applicable):

Participative approach; class discussions; group work; presentations.

2. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

2.1. Evaluation Methods

- Final Exam: 60%
- **Continuous Assessment 40%:** 2 to 3 quizzes; homework, assignments; class presentations; participation; portfolios.

2.2. Module Grade

- 1. A module is validated if the student obtains a grade equal to or greater than 10 out of 20.
- 2. A module is **acquired through compensation** if the student passes the semester to which the module belongs, provided that the grade for the module is **<u>not lower than 7 out</u> of 20**.

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