

Course Unit	Digital Laboratory	Field of study	Audiovisuals and Media Production
Bachelor in	Multimedia	School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism
Academic Year	2023/2024	Year of study	1
Type	Semestral	Semester	2
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T - , TP 60 , PL - , TC - , S - , E - , OT - , O -
Level	1-1	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9213-656-1203-00-23		

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Master the notion of communication design, its nature and syntax, relating historical, social and cultural aspects through digital tools;
2. Obtain knowledge of project practice;
3. Conceive and to develop notions and capacity organization, associating composition elements that structure the visual communication;
4. Understand the computer as an operative tool and as and joining elements of creative potentialities;
5. Highlight the conceptual and creative aspect in solving problems of graphic visual communication, through the use of current digital tools;
6. Recognize, distinguish and work with publishing, vector and bitmap editing tools.

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
Have computer literacy.

Course contents

1. Preliminary Considerations on Communication Design; 2. Graphic composition; 3. Digital tools for visual communication; 4. Graphics and editing.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Preliminary Considerations on Communication Design;
 - The notion of Communication design;
2. Graphic composition;
 - Concept / image / text relationship;
 - Neutral and expressive typography;
 - Gestalt and semiotic analysis;
 - Organizational principles of two-dimensional space;
3. Digital tools for visual communication;
 - Hardware and software basics;
 - Study of vector drawing software;
 - Creating and Editing Basic Shapes: Masks, Vectors, and Text
 - Painting and pagination;
 - Dimension, resolution, formats and modes of digital image;
 - Creation, manipulation and organization of type / photo / graphic elements;
4. Graphics and editing.
 - Conceptualization, development and characterization of graphic products.

Recommended reading

1. BRINGHURST, R. (1997) - The Elements of Typographic Style. Hartley & Marks.
2. MULLER-BROCKMAN, J. (1999) - Grid Systems in Graphic Design. Niggli Verlag.
3. LUPTON, E. (2010) - Thinking With Type: A Critical Guide for Designers, Writers, Editors, & Students. Princeton Architectural Press.
4. MANOVICH, L. (2013) - Software Takes Command. Bloomsbury.
5. MEGGS, P. (1992) - Type and Image: The Language of Graphic Design, John Wiley & Sons.

Teaching and learning methods

Theoretical content of exposure; Launch of individual proposals of theoretical and practical work and / or group; Attendance and advise about the development of the work; Analysis and public discussion of the final results of the theoretical and practical papers presented;

Assessment methods

1. Continuous Assessment - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
 - Projects - 60% (Development of projects based on the partial contents of the course)
 - Presentations - 20% (Oral presentations of the projects developed)
 - Development Topics - 20% (Monitoring the themes developed in the projects)
2. Final Assessment - (Regular, Student Worker) (Supplementary, Special)
 - Presentations - 50% (Oral presentation of the project)
 - Practical Work - 50% (Development of projects based on the complete UC content)

Language of instruction

1. Portuguese
2. Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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