COURSE DETAIL

STORYTELLING IN MEDIA AND PERFORMANCE

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Utrecht University

Program(s)
Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Film & Media Studies

UCEAP Course Number
116

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
STORYTELLING IN MEDIA AND PERFORMANCE

UCEAP Transcript Title
STORYTELLING MEDIA

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course covers theatre, film, television, and games as storytelling media. It pays particular attention to the very different ways in which stories may be structured and constructed, and how the audience watches, experiences, or takes part in the story. The course addresses a number of narrative forms and structures, such as the Aristotelian tragedy, the classic Hollywood-movie narrative, the television series (serial storytelling) and the narrative game (environmental storytelling). The course also considers how media forms are also constantly borrowing from one another. In recent years, for instance, there have been numerous theatre performances that were inspired by games and game-based structures. In such performances, the audience does not merely sit in a chair watching a story unfold; rather, they are led along a set trajectory through various spaces as they themselves take an active role in the story being told. At the same time, an increasing number of game designers are creating digital games that are intended not for play on the computer, but rather on the streets and other public spaces. For that reason, this course focuses on the specific characteristics of various media and on what these mean for the way in which they are able to convey stories; and it also reflects on the fact that media never exist in isolation. Various media constantly influence one another in their development, meaning they also influence one another in the way they tell stories and the result they hope to achieve through those stories in terms of their audience.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ME1V18002

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