# A COURSE SYLLABUS – DOCTORAL SCHOOL AND THE QUALIFICATION CYCLE FROM 2022 TO 2026

| GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COURSE |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Course title                     | Contemporary art strategies  |  |  |
| Name of the unit running the     | Doctoral School at University of Rzeszów   |  |  |
| course                           |  |  |  |
| Type of course (obligatory,      | obligatory   |  |  |
| optional)                        |  |  |  |
| Year and semester of studies     | 2022/2023; 2nd semester  |  |  |
| Discipline                       | Visual arts and conservation of works of art                                     |  |  |
| Language of Course               | Polish   |  |  |
| Name of Course coordinator       | Dr hab. prof. UR Jadwiga Sawicka   |  |  |
| Name of Course lecturer          | Dr hab. prof. UR Jadwiga Sawicka   |  |  |
| Prerequisites                    | Learning outcomes achieved during second-cycle art studies and the course        |  |  |
|                                  | Methodology of research in the field of visual arts and conservation of works of |  |  |
|                                  | art. Broad knowledge of contemporary culture, ability to critically analyze and  |  |  |
|                                  | interpret visual art works, artistic or design activity.                         |  |  |
| BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COURSE      |  |  |  |
| (100-200 words)                  |  |  |  |

The aim of the course is to survey approaches to life as an artist in contemporary society. The survey will encompass various modes of operation both in Poland and abroad – both relationship between artists and cultural institutions and independent artistic initiatives. The social response to an art exhibition, artistic actions, and long-term projects (within institutions or in public space) will be analysed. Other topics to cover: ethical and legal problems connected with art activities, the sense of artist agency, responsibility for societal changes or concentration on one's artistic research, as well as relationships between major art centers and local/provincial art life and the consequences of individual choices where to live and their consequences, i.e. individual life and art choices.

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| COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES AND METHODS OF EVALUATING LEARNING OUTCOMES |                                      |                  |                      |                    |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Learnin  | The description of the learning      | Relation to the  | Learning Format      | Method of          |
| g  | outcome defined for the course       | degree programme | (Lectures, classes,) | assessment         |
| outcom   |                                      | outcomes         |                      | of learning        |
| е  |                                      | (symbol)         |                      | outcomes           |
|  |                                      |                  |                      | (e.g. test,        |
|  |                                      |                  |                      | oral exam,         |
|  |                                      |                  |                      | written            |
|  |                                      |                  |                      | exam,              |
|  |                                      |                  |                      | project <b>,</b> ) |
| Knowle   | (Knows and understands)              |                  |                      |                    |
| dge  |                                      |                  |                      |                    |
| (no.)  |                                      |                  |                      |                    |
| 1  | -so as to be able to revise existing | P8S-WG/1         | seminar              | Observation        |
|  | paradigms) global achievements       |                  |                      | during             |
|  | in the field of fine arts, including |                  |                      | classes /          |
|  | theoretical basis and general        |                  |                      | written            |
|  | issues and selected detailed issues  |                  |                      | exam: a            |
|  | concerning visual culture            |                  |                      | visual essay       |
| 2  | -major tendencies in                 | P8S-WG/2         | seminar              | Observation        |
|  | contemporary art                     |                  |                      | during             |
|  |                                      |                  |                      | classes /          |
|  |                                      |                  |                      | written            |
|  |                                      |                  |                      | exam: a            |
|  |                                      |                  |                      | visual essay       |

| 3                        | -methodology of research in the field of visual arts and conservation of works of art and with reference to student's own artwork  | P8S-WG/3 | seminar | Observation during classes / written exam: a visual essay |
|--------------------------|--|----------|---------|---|
| 4                        | fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization.   | P05_WK/1 |         | written<br>exam: a<br>visual essay                        |
| Skills<br>(no.)          | (Able to)  |          |         |   |
| 1                        | <ul> <li>apply the knowledge of various fields (humanities and fine arts) to creatively identify and inventively solve complex problems or carry out research tasks, in particular:</li> <li>define the objective and subject of artistic research, formulate a research hypothesis,</li> <li>develop methods, techniques, research tools and apply them creatively,</li> <li>draw conclusions based on artistic research</li> </ul> | P8S-UW/1 | seminar | Observation during classes / written exam: a visual essay |
| 2                        | perform critical analysis and assessment of the results of artistic research and other creative work as well as of their contribution to development of knowledge  | P8S-UW/2 | seminar | Observation during classes / written exam: a visual essay |
| 3                        | conduct a critical analysis and evaluation of artistic research results, expert activity and other creative works and their contribution to the development of knowledge.  | P8S-UW/3 | seminar | Observation during classes / written exam: a visual essay |
| 4                        | Able to present artistic works internationally   | P8S-UK/6 | seminar | Observation during classes / written exam: a visual essay |
| Social compet ence (no.) | (Ready to)   |          |         | ,   |
| 1                        | Is ready to recognize knowledge in solving cognitive problems  | P8S-KK/3 | seminar | Observation during classes / written                      |

|        |                                   |         |             |             |        | exam: a      |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------|--------------|
|        |                                   |         |             |             |        | visual essay |
|        | LEARNING FORMAT – NUMBER OF HOURS |         |             |             |        |              |
| Semest | Lectures                          | Classes | Lab classes | Internships | others | ECTS         |
| er     |                                   |         |             |             |        |              |
| (no.)  |                                   |         |             |             |        |              |
| II     |                                   | 15      |             |             |        | 2            |

### **METHODS OF INSTRUCTION**

Discussion, multimedia presentations

### **COURSE CONTENT**

- 1. Relationship between artists and cultural institutions: analysis of the work of selected cultural institutions based on exhibitions, curatorial texts, catalogues, websites, social media and others.
- 2. Art activism, participation, community; independent artistic initiatives. Survey and analysis of selected examples.
- 3. Relationship between major art centers and local/provincial art life; individual choices and strategies.
- 4. Art agency: socially engaged art or artistic self-realisation?
- 5. Responsibility to society and freedom of expression.
- 6. Artists statements and manifestos; artists on art.
- 7. Body and its images: human and non-human bodies.
- 8. Ready mades, found footage, appropriation art; images found and stolen and; copyrights and vandalism.
- 9. Memory and images; the reconstruction of the past through images.
- 10. Poor images: from Surrealism to Postinternet esthetics.

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# **COURSE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

The condition to receive the credit is attendance, active participation in discussions and completion of the oral assignments.

The course teacher is going to assess attendance (100% or justified absences), intellectual contribution to classes, mastering of subject matter based on instructional materials (for classes), knowledge from the field of visual arts, interdisciplinarity, mastering scientific style of writing and creativity and originality of artwork (exam).

# Exam: visual essay

Visual essay is a combination of text and original artwork. Inspired by intuition or intellect, images don't illustrate but contribute to narrative; images provide the meaning that words cannot express. The term "images" is understood broadly (photograps, drawing, moving image etc.) The text should be written in scientific style (footnotes, bibliography) and demonstrate the knowledge of both old and contemporary art; the reference to the humanities and the sciences are advisable (literature, music, theatre, anthropology etc.) if relevant to the chosen topic.

The length of the essay: 7 000- 10 000 characters with spaces. Images (in pdf format) should be 1/3 to 1/2 of the whole document.

### Grade 5:

The essay meets all the requirements

## Grade +4/4:

The essay meets all formal requirements but lacks independence of thought or originality of artwork, or despite interesting content has some formal shortcomings

## Grade 2

The essay shows considerable formal shortcomings or/and lacks independence of thought or originality of artwork

## Grade 2 (fail)

Lack of essay or it doesn't meet the above requirements

| TOTAL PhD S   | STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIRED TO ACT  | HIEVE THE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES ID ECTS CREDITS |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Activity  |   | Number of hours                                      |  |
| Scheduled cour  | se contact hours  | 15   |  |
| Other contact hours involving the teacher (consultation hours, examinations)                    |   | 10   |  |
| Non-contact hours – student's own work (preparation for classes or examinations, project, etc.) |   | 75   |  |
| Total number of   | of hours  | 100  |  |
| Total number of   | of ECTS credits   | 2  |  |
|   | INSTRUCTIONAL M   | <br> ATERIALS  |  |
| Compulsory  | Artyści o sztuce, red. E. Grabska i H. Mora   | wska, Warszawa 1969                                  |  |
| literature:   | Artyści o sztuce, red. E. Grabska i H. Morawska, Warszawa 1969 Franczak K., Demokratyczny potencjał sztuki publicznej w przestrzeni miejskiej, https://tiny.pl/wtxyf_miejskiej Marzec L., Piraci – archiwiści i innowatorzy. Czas Kultury, 2/2014 Majewska E. Nabokina A., Cenzura, płeć, demokracja. Raport o ograniczeniach wolności twórczej w Europie Środkowej i Wschodniej. https://pl.boell.org/sites/default/files/raport_cenzura.pdf Małkowicz-Daszkowska Z., Przypadek "artistic research" albo rzecz o artystycznych strategiach przetrwania w XXI wieku, Czas Kultury, 2/2019 McKim-Smith G., Retoryka gwałtu, język wandalizmu, tłum. M. Szczęśniak, [w:] Antropologic kultury wizualnej. Zagadnienia i wybór tekstów. Red. A. Matysiak, WUW, Warszawa, 2011 Michalska D., Etos partycypacji. Paweł Althamer i prawo Innego, Mała Kultura współczesna, 12/2013, Owczarek J. Sporo roboty za darmo. Rozmowa z galerią Naga, https://magazynszum.pl/spororoboty-za-darmo-rozmowa-z-galeria-naga/ Powiększenie. Projekt badawczy https://beczmiana.pl/powiekszenie/ Steyerl H., W obronie nędznego obrazu, przeł. Ł. Zaręba https://www.academia.edu/6419640/Hito_Steyerl_W_obronie_n%C4%99dznego_obrazu_artyku%C5%82 Sendyka R., Spolia (o obrazach na/w obrazach), Konteksty, nr 3 (302) Taborska A., Bezwartościowe skarby Paula Eluarda, Spiskowcy wyobraźni. Surrealizm. słowo/obraz terytoria, Gdańsk 2007 Sulikowska-Dejena A., Pola społeczne artystek i artystów sztuk wizualnych w województwie podkarpackim, unpublished doctoral thesis |  |  |
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