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# Graphic Journalism and Comics Reportage

A syllabus for Journalism and Media  
Studies programmes



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## 1. Data on the programme

1.1 Field of study	<b>Journalism/Communication and Media Studies</b>
1.2 Recommended level [ <i>Bachelor/ Masters</i> ]	<b>Bachelor</b>
1.3 Recommended study programme/ qualification	<b>Journalism/Communication and Media Studies</b>

## 2. Data on the discipline

2.1 Name	<b>Graphic Journalism and Comics Reportage</b>
2.2 Recommended qualifications for the teacher [ <i>practitioner, theoretician, PhD holder in a certain field of study, etc.</i> ]	<b>Theoretician; practitioner for seminars</b>
2.3 Year of study [ <i>entry level/ advanced</i> ]	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
2.4. Evaluation type [ <i>examination/ project/ portfolio/essay</i> ]	<b>Essay, Project</b>
2.5 Type of discipline [ <i>facultative, compulsory</i> ]	<b>Facultative</b>

## 3. Total time - estimated [hours per semester of student activity]

3.1 Number of hours per week	<b>2</b>	From which: 3.2 course [ <i>theory</i> ]	<b>2 (6 weeks)</b>	3.3 seminar [ <i>theory &amp; practice</i> ]/laboratory [ <i>practice &amp; laboratory</i> ]	<b>2 (6 weeks)</b>
3.4 Total number of hours <i>[3.1 X number of weeks; 12-14 weeks per semester]</i>	<b>24</b>	From which: 3.5 course [ <i>theory</i> ]	<b>12</b>	3.6 seminar [ <i>theory &amp; practice</i> ]/ laboratory [ <i>practice &amp; laboratory</i> ]	<b>12</b>
Time distribution					<b>Hours</b>
Individual study using a manual, course support, bibliography, notes from the course					<b>70</b>
Documentation online and/ or on the field					<b>20</b>
Preparing homework: individual or teamwork, portfolios, essays, etc.					<b>50</b>

Tutoring	<b>0</b>
Examinations	<b>0</b>
Other activities .....	<b>0</b>
3.7 Total hour of individual study	<b>140</b>
3.8 Total hours per semester (3.4. + 3.7)	<b>164</b>
3.9 Number of ECTS	<b>6</b>

#### 4. Preconditions (if applicable)

##### *[Who are the intended students]*

4.1 curriculum preconditions (recommended previous courses)	<b>Introductory courses in journalism and/or media studies</b>
4.2 competences preconditions	<b>NA</b>

#### 5. Infrastructure needed (if applicable)

5.1 for the course	<b>Laptop, Projector, Screen, Internet access</b>
5.2 for the seminar/laboratory	<b>Laptop, Projector, Screen, Internet access</b>

#### 6. Specific abilities

##### *[What do we want students to be able to do]*

6.1. Professional competencies <i>[job skills to be developed]</i>	<p><b>Translate theoretical insights into journalistic practice and vice versa.</b></p> <p><b>Understand (English) terminology in the field.</b></p> <p><b>Skills to conduct critical analysis of the comics media and graphic journalism.</b></p> <p><b>Skills to review academic literature.</b></p> <p><b>Skills to plan case studies in the field.</b></p> <p><b>Essay writing skills.</b></p> <p><b>Presentation skills.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion and debate.</b></p>
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	<b>Telling a journalistic story.</b>
6.2. Transversal competencies <i>[team work, critical thinking, global citizenship, etc.]</i>	<b>Critical thinking.</b> <b>Analytical thinking.</b> <b>Independent work.</b> <b>Intercultural skills.</b> <b>Media literacy (comics).</b>

## 7. Discipline's objectives

### *[related to developing abilities & competencies]*

7.1 General objective	<b>The overall objective is that students gain knowledge about the different forms of graphic journalism and graphic journalism projects in their home country and abroad. They will also learn how to plan a graphic journalistic project.</b>
7.2 Specific objectives <i>[Learning outcomes – observable, measurable]</i>	<b>By the end of the semester, students in this course will:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>have knowledge of different tools for analysing graphic narratives and be able to prepare your own analysis</b></li> <li>• <b>explore, read, and discuss a variety of written/drawn text especially in graphic journalism</b></li> <li>• <b>analysing comics reportages in graphic novel and other formats and write an analysis</b></li> <li>• <b>be able to transfer acquired knowledge into own graphic journalistic project ideas</b></li> </ul>

## 8. Content

### *[for 12 weeks]*

<b>8.1. Course</b>	Teaching methods <i>[connected to professional &amp; transversal competencies]</i>	Observations <i>[link among proposed teaching methods and intended competences]</i>
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<p><b>Course - week 1</b></p> <p>Introduction of the course, Comics Studies</p>	<p>E-learning, lecture, discussion, questions/answers</p>	<p>Presenting the objectives and the structure of the course, the assignments and evaluation methods.</p> <p>Introduction to Comics Studies.</p>
<p><b>Course - week 2</b></p> <p>Comics as Media Culture</p>	<p>E-learning, lecture, discussion, questions/answers</p>	<p>Comics as Media Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Production, Texts and Audiences</li> <li>b. Transcultural Flows and Geopolitics of Comics</li> </ul>
<p><b>Course - week 3</b></p> <p>Tools for analysing Graphic Narratives</p>	<p>E-learning, lecture, discussion, questions/answers</p>	<p>Tools for analysing Graphic Narratives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Genres and Formats</li> <li>b. Narration in Comics</li> <li>c. Visual Language of Comics</li> </ul>
<p><b>Course - week 4</b></p> <p>From Comics Reportage to Graphic Journalism</p>	<p>E-learning, lecture, discussion, questions/answers</p>	<p>From Comics Reportage to Graphic Journalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Comics Reportage as a (Trans)media Genre</li> <li>b. Contemporary Panorama and Historical Overview</li> <li>c. Authenticity in Comics Journalism</li> </ul>
<p><b>Course - week 5</b></p> <p>Media Genres of Comics Journalism</p>	<p>E-learning, lecture, discussion, questions/answers</p>	<p>Media Genres of Comics Journalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Comics Reportages</li> <li>b. Feuilleton: Comics Journalism and Everyday Life</li> <li>c. "Expat" Graphic Novels (?)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Course - week 6</b></p> <p>Final discussions and preparing the presentations</p>	<p>Discussion, questions/answers</p>	<p>Final discussions and preparing the presentations.</p>

<b>8.2 Seminar/laboratory</b>	Teaching methods <i>[connected to professional &amp; transversal competencies]</i>	Observations <i>[link among proposed teaching methods and intended competences]</i>
<b>Seminar - week 7</b> Individual Presentations: Analyses	Presentations, discussions	Presenting analyses (10 min. presentations) focused on comics reportages in graphic novel and other formats.
<b>Seminar - week 8</b> Individual Presentations: Analyses	Presentations, discussions	Presenting analyses (10 min. presentations) focused on comics reportages in graphic novel and other formats.
<b>Seminar - week 9</b> Individual Presentations: Analyses	Presentations, discussions	Presenting analyses (10 min. presentations) focused on comics reportages in graphic novel and other formats.
<b>Seminar - week 10</b> Individual Presentations: Analyses	Presentations, discussions	Presenting analyses (10 min. presentations) focused on comics reportages in graphic novel and other formats.
<b>Seminar - week 11</b> Group Presentations: Plan	Presentations, discussions	Designing a graphic journalistic project in group. Presenting a plan (15 min. presentation).
<b>Seminar - week 12</b> Group Presentations: Plan	Presentations, discussions	Designing a graphic journalistic project in group. Presenting a plan (15 min. presentation).

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## 10. How is the discipline connected to the expectations of the professional / epistemic community

Comics journalism are nowadays even more relevant (digital and print formats of comics journalism are both equally important), but not widespread. Comics reportage is an emerging field that exists on the margins of mainstream media. Yet, it seems to be a promising kind of journalism. Comics can play the traditional roles of media in a new way: information, entertainment, education in graphic expression. Instead of the indigestible, constantly rolling and multiplying images of news and actualities, comics reportages provide the opportunity for a slower, and deeper reception – potentially reflecting the trend of Slow Journalism.

## 11. How is the discipline connected to the rest of the journalistic / communication studies curriculum

The course is linked to existing media studies and journalism courses. It aims to enhance students' skills in aspects of graphic journalism. This graphic journalism course will introduce students to new practices in journalistic storytelling.

## 12. Evaluation

*[How to measure students' acquired abilities, through different instruments, such as: tests; analyses of existing journalistic examples; essays; suggested portfolio]*

Type of activity	12.1 Evaluation criteria	12.2 Evaluation methods
Course	Class participation (10 %)	Knowledge of the compulsory reading, ability to answer questions during the lecture or/and discuss topics.

<b>Seminar/laboratory</b>	Individual assignment – Presentation (20%) and Essay (30%) Group assignments – Develop a graphic journalistic project idea in group. Presentation (20%), Written version (20%)	Presenting and writing an analysis (10 min. presentation and 7-12 pages academic essay) focused on one comics reportage in graphic novel or another format.  Designing a graphic journalistic project in group. Presenting and writing a plan (15 min. presentation and 7-12 pages).
<b>12.3 Minimum performance standard [linked to specific objectives/ learning outcomes]</b>		
60 % of the overall score; all tasks must be finished and submitted/performed		

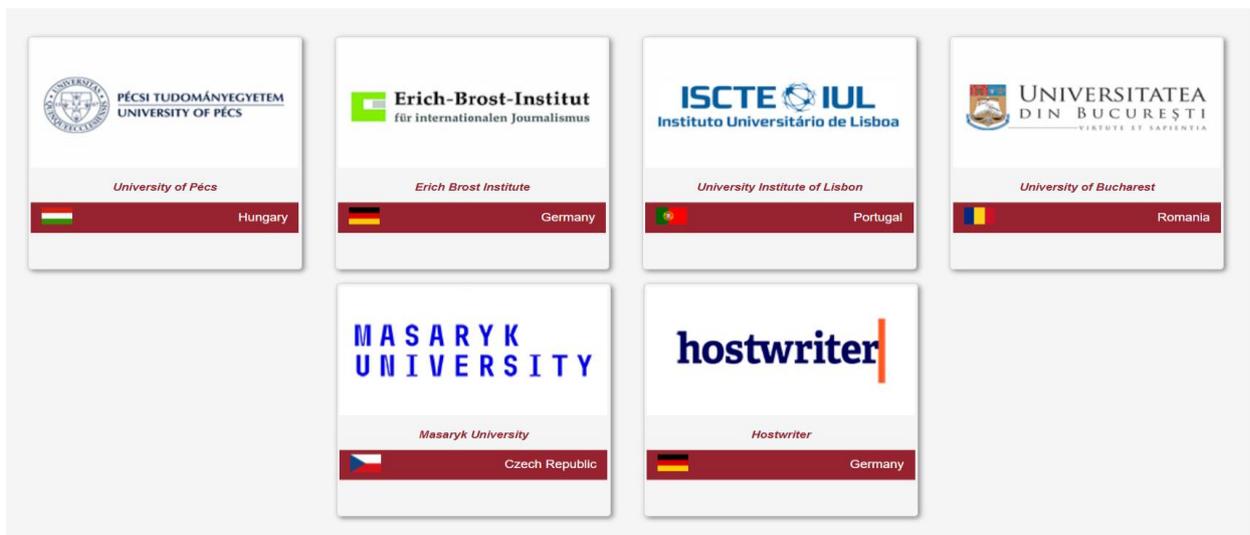
## 13. Rationale

### Benchmarking courses

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