# WORDS INTO FILM. THE PRACTICE OF ADAPTATION

De la palabra a la imagen. La práctica de la adaptación fílmica

MODULE/MÓDULO	SUBJECT/MATERIA	YEAR/ CURSO	SEMESTER/ SEMESTRE	ECTS	TYPE/CARÁCTER
Master's Programme in English Literature and Linguistics	Words into film. The practice of adaptation	2019/ 2020	1	5	Elective
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Máster en Litera	atura y Lingüística Inglesas				

Master in English Literature and Linguistics

## PREREQUISITES AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS/ PRERREQUISITOS Y/O RECOMENDACIONES

Advanced level of English (C1 ENGLISH LEVEL)

# BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COURSE CONTENTES/ BREVE DESCRIPCIÓN DE CONTENIDOS (SEGÚN MEMORIA DE VERIFICACIÓN DEL MÁSTER)

The course sessions deal with the problems posed by film adaptation and the solutions adopted by filmmakers focusing on:

- (a) The concept of film adaptation: origins, types and theories.
- (b) Narrative categories: narrator, point of view, space, time, narrative comprehension.
- (c) The context of film adaptation: culture, the film industry, audiences, genres and entertainment.
- (d) Problems and solutions.

## GENERAL AND SPECIFIC COMPETENCES/ COMPETENCIAS GENERALES Y ESPECÍFICAS DEL MÓDULO

#### **Basic and general**

To develop communicative interpersonal and interlinguistic mediation skills

To acquire the learning skills that will allow the student to continue her / his studies in a proactive, autonomous way.

To search for information (in any sort of format) and turn it into knowledge.

Use new technologies as a learning tool and a resource for research. Use it also as a means of communication and dissemination.

To understand long and complex texts of any sort (technical, narrative, or literary)

To present in a variety of formats (oral presentations, written essays, and any sort of digital format) clear and detailed descriptions of complex subjects, unfolding a specific narrative argument, and reaching relevant conclusions.

To acquire and understand the sort of skills and knowledge that will turn their output into original ideas, through class participation, or in the form of essays or any other sort of output.

To acquire and apply knowledge and skills to new contexts, and be able to engage in problem-solving strategies within interdisciplinary contexts related to their field of study.

To integrate skills and knowledge in a way that enpowers them to reach relevant conclusions based upon the general principles of social and ethic responsibility.

To communicate their knowledge, ideas and arguments in a meaningful and clear way for both specialized and non-specialized audiences.

0 - To have the learning skills that allow students to keep studying in a way that will be largely autonomous

#### **Transversal**

Training in the respect of fundamental rights and equality between men and women, of Human Rights and the principles of universal accessibility, and the values of a culture of peace and democratic values, as established by the Royal Decree 1393/2007, of October 29, Article 3.5.

## **Specific**

CE1. To know and critically evaluate current theories, methods and current results of research in the field of English literature and English linguistics.

CE2. To identify case studies and the different epistemological approaches available so as to elaborate and defend arguments, as well as to solve problems within the area of English literature and linguistics.

CE3 – To design and carry out research projects, and translate their results into critical essays

following the formal conventions of the MLA system, with a clear, rigorous and well structured epistemological framework, with an introduction, analysis development and final conclusions.

- CE4 To explain and defend clearly the objectives, methodology and results of a research work in the field of literatures in English.
- CE5 To understand the secondary bibliography in the different domains and in the different periods of the history of the literatures in English as concretion of cultural and political practices in a determined historical context.
- CE6 To develop interest and intellectual curiosity to analyze and understand texts, critical theories, and different epistemological approaches to specific case studies in the field of English literature.
- CE7 To know the different interdisciplinary approaches to the study of literatures in English language, with special emphasis on gender studies, identity politics, political discourse, or postcolonial studies and translation.
- CE8. To know the different theoretical approaches as well as the principles of research (planning, sampling, collection, processing and data analysis) in areas of English linguistics such as lexicography, sociolinguistics and historical linguistics, among others.
- To know the principles of corpus linguistics and its different applications in various interdisciplinary fields.
- 0. To develop the ability to apply the principles of linguistics beyond theoretical linguistics, such as to pragmatics and discourse analysis, language philosophy, gender studies, literary analysis, film language, or acquisition and bilingual teaching.

## OBJECTIVES/OBJETIVOS (EXPRESADOS COMO RESULTADOS ESPERABLES DE LA ENSEÑANZA)

- To acquire the necessary skills to develop a thorough comparative analysis between written and filmed texts within the framework of adaptation studies.
- To learn about the main theories and approaches to adaptation, and apply such knowledge critically to the analysis of specific texts.
- To examine critically a variety of adapted texts from classics to popular culture texts including novels, short stories, graphic novels and non fiction.

#### COURSE CONTENTS/ TEMARIO DETALLADO DE LA ASIGNATURA

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course addresses the comparison between written and filmed narratives considering the convergences and divergences in the modes of storytelling. After establishing a framework for the study of literature and film, a survey will be made of the various approaches to the study of adaptation ranging from classics such as Bluestone (1956) and McFarlane (1996) to recent developments such as Stam (2000) and Hutcheon (2006). A wide range of source texts including literary and popular narratives, short stories, graphic novels and comics will provide the testing ground for theories and approaches with a focus on the problem-solving nature of film adaptation. The course sessions will cover: (a) The phenomenon of film adaptation: origins, types and theories; (b) Narrative categories: narrator, point of view, space and time, narrative comprehension; (c) Background: culture and film industry, audiences, genres and spectacles; (d) Problems and solutions: analysis of adaptations of classic novels, comics and graphic novels, short fiction, non-fiction, bestsellers, etc.

## Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (Dr. María Elena Rodríguez Martín):

- NARRATIVE DISCOURSE: the universality of story-telling; the origins of film; literary and film narratives; written and audiovisual narratives; narrative and multimodality;

transmedia narratives. Analysis of film scenes: *E.T., The Extra-Terrestrial* (Dir. Steven Spielberg, 1982) and *A.I. Artificial Intelligence* (Dir. Steven, Spielberg, 2001), *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* (Dir. Peter Jackson, 2001), *Sleepy Hollow* (Dir. Tim Burton, 1999), *Memento* (Dir. Christopher Nolan, 2000), *Bridget's Jones Diary* (Dir. Sharon Maguire, 2001), *Clueless* (Dir. Amy Heckerling, 1995).

- FILM ADAPTATION: origins and reasons for adaptations; theories of adaptation. Analysis of film scenes: *Atonement* (Dir. Joe Wright, 2007)
- ADAPTING CLASSICS: ADAPTATIONS OF JANE AUSTEN'S LIFE AND WORKS. Analysis of the film *Mansfield Park* (Dir. Patricia Rozema, 1999).
- ANALYSING NARRATIVE DISCOURSE IN NOVEL AND FILM. Analysis of the film *The Hours* (Dir. Stephen Daldry, 2002)

# Sessions 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 (Dr. Miguel Ángel Martínez-Cabeza):

- ADAPTATION AND FILM GENRES. Films: *Adaptation* (Dir. Spike Jonze, 2002), *Paris, When it Sizzles* (Dir. Richard Quine, 1964)
- ADAPTING COMICS. Films: *American Splendor* (Dir. Robert Pulcini/Shari Springer Berman, 2003), *A History of Violence* (Dir. David Cronenberg, 2005), *Sin City* (Dir. Robert Rodríguez/Frank Miller, 2005)
- ADAPTING SHORTER FICTION. Films: *Memento* (Dir. Christopher Nolan, 2000), *Million* \$\$\$ Baby (Dir. Clint Eastwood, 2004), *Secret Window* (Dir. David Koepp, 2004).
- ADAPTING NON-FICTION. Films: *Invictus* (Dir. Clint Eastwood, 2009), *District 9* (Dir. Neill Blomkamp, 2009).
- ADAPTING BESTSELLING FICTION. Films: *Inferno* (Dir. Ron Howard, 2016), *The Girl on the Train* (Dir. Tate Taylor, 2016)
- ADAPTING AS (DE)CONSTRUCTING. TV series: *Sleepy Hollow* (Season 1), *Sherlock* (The Abominable Bride, special 2016), *Once upon a Time* (Season 7)

It is recommended that students watch the films before the sessions since only selected clippings will be shown during the sessions.

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# **EUCATIONAL METHODS/METODOLOGÍA DOCENTE**

Introductory lectures

Presentations, discussions, debates

Autonomous work

## ASSESSMENT/ EVALUACIÓN (INSTRUMENTOS DE EVALUACIÓN, CRITERIOS DE EVALUACIÓN Y PORCENTAJE SOBRE LA CALIFICACIÓN FINAL, ETC.)

#### Tools

- 1. Attendance and participation.
- 2. Individual essays.

rief class presentation.

#### Criteria

- 1. Knowledge of course contents.
- 2. Critical application of theories and approaches.
- 3. Capacity to draw up and develop a practical analysis.

# Porcentaje sobre la calificación final

- 1. Final essay: 60%
- 2. Brief oral presentation of a Project: 20%
- 3. Attendance and participation in course sessions: 20%

Both in the written and spoken activities, students are expected to show an advance level of English (C1). Failing to do so will be negatively assessed.

In cases where serious plagiarism is found, the matter will be dealt with under University Regulation <a href="https://www.ugr.es/~plagio\_hum/0501EUniversitarios.htm">https://www.ugr.es/~plagio\_hum/0501EUniversitarios.htm</a>

## ADITIONAL INFORMATION/ INFORMACIÓN ADICIONAL

- All sessions and activities will be conducted in English.
- The course materials will be available in the learning platform SWAD (swad.ugr.es). This will be the preferred channel of communication between course participants and professors.