Media and popular culture

#### Nositelj



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# Opis predmeta

The course explores the social and political significance of entertainment media as popular culture. Popular media culture is based on genre as that type of media text and product defined by the repetition of key elements of content and form. Genre is the basis for the audience choice of a particular media product or program, and media industry plans the production and distribution of popular culture with generic considerations in mind. Decoding of the codes of popular culture is a cultural process related at the same time to the generic characteristics of media texts and the social conditions of their reception. The course will analyze the structural, production and reception aspects of media genre as the framework for categorization, production and consumption of popular culture. The aim of the course is to provide the students with the critical understanding of popular media, which today constitutes the majority of content in mass and networked media alike.

# Studijski programi

- » Preddiplomski studij novinarstva (Studij) (izborni predmet, 2. semestar, 1. godina)
- » Preddiplomski studij novinarstva (Studij) (izborni predmet, 6. semestar, 3. godina)
- » Preddiplomski studij novinarstva (Studij) (izborni predmet, 6. semestar, 3. godina) (ne izvodi se)
- » Preddiplomski studij politologije (Studij) (izborni predmet, 2. semestar, 1. godina)
- » Preddiplomski studij politologije (Studij) (izborni predmet, 6. semestar, 3. godina) (ne izvodi se)
- » Preddiplomski studij politologije (Studij) (izborni predmet, 6. semestar, 3. godina) (ne izvodi se)
- » Preddiplomski studij politologije (Studij) (izborni predmet, 8. semestar, 4. godina)
- » Preddiplomski studij politologije (Studij) (izborni predmet, 8. semestar, 4. godina) (ne izvodi se)

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Sati nastave Predavanja Vježbe 30

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#### Ocjenjivanje

The course consists of lectures (2 hours per week) and seminars (2 hours per week). Students are required to prepare at least one text for the lecture and be prepared to discuss it. Students are expected to attend class regularly, including lectures and seminars. More than 2 (unexcused) absences will result in the loss of signature for class attendance. Graduate students enrolled in this course can obtain 7 ECTS points by writing an additional essay on a topic discussed with the professor. The final grade will be a composite of class participation, seminar presentations, and exam results. 100 points are available in regular activity, plus bonus points for additional literature reviews and activity in class. The grades will be on the following scale: 60-69 points 2 (D), 70-79 points 3 (C), 80-89 points 4 (B), 90 100 points 5 (A): A. Class participation in lectures and seminars (required regular attendance and discussion in class) B. Midterm exam I 5 homeworks consisting of 1 page (250-450 words) literature reviews of required literature. Each review is worth 4 points. All reviews must be handed in on the day of their scheduled discussions in class. Only printed homework will be

## Ishodi učenja

Nakon uspješno savladanog predmeta, studenti će moći:

- 1. Students who successfully finish required course work will be able:
- 2. To understand the most important theoretical approaches in media/cultural and communication studies regarding media as popular culture, with focus on media text
- 3. To compare and critically evaluate theoretical approaches to media genres as texts, narratives, representations, in terms of their relationship with media (industry) production and reception by audiences of popular media programs
- 4. To critically analyze the products of popular media culture, to recognize generic forms, their change and the blurring boundaries between them, to analyze representations in media texts, and to understand their social significance
- 5. .4. to critically implement methods of textual analysis/media message analysis
- 6. To write an academic text using academic writing and researching appropriate academic databases and other sources of information for academic sources about the topics of the course

Opće kompetencije

Students will be able to describe, define and compare the most important theoretical approaches in media and communication and cultural studies (1). Students will acquire knowledge about media texts and media audiences (2). Students will be able to critically evaluate media texts (3, 4). Students will become competent in researching appropriate academic database and in using contemporary communication technologies and platforms (5). Students will become competent in academic writing (5).

# Praćenje rada studenta

20 ECTS Homework 40 ECTS Mid-term exam in class 60 ECTS

#### Način ocjenjivanja

	Kontinuirana nastava		Ispitni rok	
Vrstaprovjere	Prag	Udio u	Prag	Udio u
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#### Tjedni plan nastave

- I. Social and political significance of popular media programs
- 2. What are media texts?
- 3. Approaches to popular media messages: rhetorical, cultural, psychoanalytic perspectives
- 4. Approaches to popular media messages: feminist and queer perspectives
- 5. Media representations: the circuit of culture
- 6. Stereotypes and constructions in media programs
- 7. Narrative and genre, genre and formula, narrative strategies in serial texts
- 8. The soap opera and sitcom: power, social roles and social control
- 9. Talk show: popular politics and its implications

accepted, (20 points) C. Midterm exam II written test in class, during mid-term week (40 points) D. Final exam a take home exam - essay (40 points). Questions/topics and instructions for the final essay will be posted one month before the end of class.

- 10. The genre of contest and its social function: quiz and sports
- 11. Reality TV: reality vs. Fiction, Big Brother, mocudrama
- 12. Intertextuality, hybridity, transmediality of genre
- 13. Production aspects of popular culture: the cultural industry perspective
- 14. Audiences and consumption practices, fan culture, the social uses of entertainment

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