

Subject card

Subject name and code	Visual Aspects of Communication in Advertising (Seminar), PG_00206695						
Field of study	Journalism and Social Communication						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group Subject group related to practical vocational preparation		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Visual Anthropology -> Institute of Media, Journalism and Social Communication -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Aleksandra Żukowska				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		3.0		17.0	50
Subject objectives	Knowledge of the basics of visual communication and the principles of image composition in relation to contemporary advertising forms. Developing the ability to analyze a visual advertising message and assess its effectiveness in relation to the principles of design. Knowledge of the basics of visual persuasion in advertising and the rhetoric of visual messages. Ability to analyze various visual identification systems and their elements. Learning the basics of typographic culture in graphic design.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[DZiKSMU2_K01] Based on his/her own knowledge, he/she is ready to critically evaluate the received content.	The student is prepared to comply with the principles of socially responsible advertising in terms of receiving and creating such messages.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[DZiKSMU2_K02] He/she recognizes the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems. He/she is ready to consult experts in case of difficulties in solving the problem on his/her own.	The student is able to use the knowledge and competences acquired during classes to independently critically evaluate advertising messages in the broader context of visual culture and the general cultural, social and political background.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK5] implementation of a problem task
	[DZiKSMU2_U04] He/she is able to independently identify and solve problems characteristic of media and media-related activities; select means and methods of work adequate to the proper performance of professional tasks.	The student has knowledge of how to create, analyze and interpret advertising messages in the context of the principles of visual communication design.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[DZiKSMU2_U11] He/she has the ability to independently acquire knowledge and undertake activities aimed at developing and managing his/her own professional career.	The student is able to use basic tools for analyzing visual and audiovisual advertising based on the current literature on the subject.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[DZiKSMU2_W01] The student has an in-depth knowledge of selected facts and phenomena as well as the resulting regularities important from the point of view of media studies.	The student has knowledge of methods of researching visual persuasive messages and current theoretical reports in this area, thanks to which he is able to independently research such messages..	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
Subject contents	1. Introduction to the semiotics of visual and audiovisual advertising.2. Designing an advertising image - principles, types of composition, role of colors.3. Narration and storytelling in visual and audiovisual advertising - types, functions, techniques.4. Constructing visual messages in social advertising, social advertising and commercial advertising.5. Relationships between words and images in visual advertising. Basics of typography in advertising, narrative typography.6. Methods of analysis and interpretation of visual and audiovisual advertising messages.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Passing grade	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1.Bergstrom B., Visual communication, Ed. Naukowe PWN, Warszawa 2010. 2. Lewiński P., Retoryka reklamowe, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego, Wrocław, 1999. 3. Rose G., Interpreting visual materials: critical methodology of visuality research, Ed. Scientific PWN, 2010. 4. Ryłko-Kurpiewska A., Advertising as the art of repetition, Novae Res, Gdynia 2016. 5. Tkaczyk P., Narratologia, Ed. Naukowe PWN, Warszawa 2017. 6. Tyliszczak J.J., Włoszczyński A.L., Image of the city what, how, why, Wydawnictwo internet e-bookowo, 2016. 7. Tkaczyk P., Nooks and crannies of the brand. Things you may not have known, forgotten or omitted when building your brand, OnePress, Gliwice 2011. 8. Young M., Ogilvy on advertising in the digital age, Arkady publishing house, Warsaw 2018. 9. Wasilewski P., Maison D., Propaganda of good hearts, or a story about social advertising, part 1 and 2, Agencja Wasilewski, Kraków, 2002. 10. Wszolek M., Manual: advertising - a textbook on communication design, Libron, Wrocław 2017.	

	Supplementary literature	11. Ambrose G., Harris P., Pre-press. A guide for graphic designers, ed. Scientific PWN, Warsaw, 2010. 12. Arnheim R., Art and visual perception, psychology of the creative eye, Oficyna s.c., Warsaw, 2004. 13. Bogunia-Borowska M., Sztompka P., Photosociety. Anthology of texts on visual sociology, Kraków 2012. 14. Causse J-G., The incredible power of colors, Ed. Sonia Draga, Katowice, 2015. 15. Dębowski P., Mrowczyk J., Widzieć/Wiedzieć, Wydawnictwo Karakter, Kraków, 2011. 16. Doliński D., Psychological mechanisms of advertising, GWP, Gdańsk 2011. 17. Folga-Januszewska D., Here is the art of the Polish poster, Ed. Bosz, Olszanica 2018. 18. Frutiger A., Man and his signs, d2d Publishing House, Kraków, 2015. 19. Itten J., Sztuka Color, Ed. d2d, Kraków, 2015. 20. Kolesar Z., Mrowczyk J., History of graphic design, Karakter, Kraków 2018. 21. Lenk K., Short texts on the art of design, word image / terytoria, Gdańsk, 2011. 22. Lenk K., Projects and doodles, word image / terytoria, Gdańsk, 2010. 23. Ries L., The visual hammer. How to drive a brand's message through the emotional power of an image, Helion 2016. 24. Rutkiewicz M., Dymna E., Polish outdoor, Wydawnictwo Klucze, Warsaw, 2009. 25. Toscani O., Advertising - smiling trash, Agencja Wydawnicza Delta, Warsaw, 1995.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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