



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Department of Film and Literature

1LI157 Medierelationer: litteratur, serier, film och konst, 7,5
högskolepoäng

Media Relations: Literature, Comics, Film and Art, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Comparative Literature

Subject

Comparative Literature

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2020-03-18.

Revised 2026-02-26. The prerequisite requirement has been supplemented with subjects according to GY25.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2026.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

You also need:

English 6

Or:

English level 2

Objectives

After completing the course, the students should be able to:

- account for basic intermedial issues and research fields,
- explain and discuss the intermedial relation in and between different media products.

Content

The course offers an introduction to study the relationship between text, image and sound in mediated communication. Based on a couple of theoretical approaches the course discusses the relationship between different media such as literature, film, music and digital media in digital poetry, film adaptations, comics and picture books, as well as the representation of media in literature. Intermedial relations between media are discussed both from a historical perspective and with examples from today's media culture.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures and practical exercises, individually and in groups.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

The course is examined through written and oral tests. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the objectives. Grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction will be specified when the course starts.

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University. If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to adapt the exam or to let the student conduct the exam in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

During or shortly after the course, a course evaluation should be conducted. The result and analysis of the course evaluation should be promptly communicated to the students who have taken the course. Students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time should be informed of the result at the course introduction.

Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course:
1LI109: Introduction to intermediality.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

*Text available in fulltext online

Arvidson, Jens, Askander, Mikael, Bruhn, Jørgen & Führer, Heidrun (eds.). *Changing Borders. Contemporary Positions in Intermediality*. Lund: Intermedia Studies Press 2007. ISBN 978-91-976670-0-5. (available online). 68 p. *

Bazin, André. "In defense of mixed cinema," In *What is Cinema?* Vol. 1. Oakland: University of California Press 1967, pp. 53–75. ISBN-10: 0520242270 (available online). 22 p. *

Bruhn, Jørgen. "What is Mediality, and (How) does it Matter? Theoretical Terms and Methodology." In *Intermediality of Narrative Literature: Medialities Matter*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016, pp. 13–40. ISBN: 978-1-137-57841-9, 27 p. (available on MyMoodle) *

Bruhn, Jørgen and Schirmacher, Beate (eds.). *Intermedial Studies. An Introduction to Communication Across Media*. London: Routledge 2022. ISBN 9781032004549, 328 p. (open access)

Bruhn, Jørgen; Anne Gjelsvik Eirik Freivold Hanssen, *Adaptation Studies. New Challenges. New Directions*. London: Bloomsbury 2013, pp. 1–16. ISBN: 9781441192660 (e-book via LNU Library), 16 p. *

Elleström, Lars. "Introduction". In: *Media Transformation: The Transfer of Media Characteristics Among Media*. London: Palgrave Macmillan 2014, pp. 13–40. ISBN: 978-1-137-47425-4, 10 p. (available on MyMoodle) *

Elleström, Lars. "The Modalities of Media. A Model for Understanding Intermedial Relations". *Media Borders, Multimodality and Intermediality*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan 2010. ISBN: 978-0-230-23860-2, 39 p.

Jappy, Tony. "Modes of Representation". In: *Introduction to Peircean Visual Semiotics*. New York: Bloomsbury 2013, pp. 79–95. ISBN: 9781441151636, 16 p. (available on MyMoodle) *

Jensen, Klaus Bruhn. "Intermediality." In: *The International Encyclopedia of Communication Theory and Philosophy*. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell 2016, pp. 1–12. ISBN: 9781118766804, 12 p. (available on MyMoodle) *

Kukkonen, Karin. *Studying Comics and Graphic novels*, Hoboken: Wiley 2013, pp. 7–25 (e-book via LNU Library), ISBN: 9781118499924, 18 p. *

Leitch, Thomas. "Twelve Fallacies in Contemporary Adaptation Theory", *Criticism* 45, 2/3003, pp. 149–171, DOI: 10.1353/crt.2004.0001, 22 p. *

McCloud, Scott. *Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art*. New York: Harper Collins 1994, 2–59. ISBN-10: 006097625X ISBN-13: 978-0060976255. 57 p.

Mitchell, W.T.J. "There Are No Visual Media" *Journal of Visual Culture* 4 (2), pp. 257–266 <https://doi.org/10.1177/1470412905054673>, 9 p. *

Nikolajeva, Maria; Scott, Carole. *How Picturebooks Work*, London: Routledge 2013, pp. 1–28 (e-book via LNU Library), ISBN: 9780415979689, 28 p. *

Pethö, Ágnes. "Intermediality in film: A historiography of methodologies". *Film and Media Studies*, Cluj-Napoca: Acta Universitatis Sapientia, 2010, 2, pp. 39–72. ISSN 2066- 7779 (Available online), 33 p. *

Stougaard Pedersen, Brigitte. "Gesture in Music and Literature. Virginia Woolf", *Nordisk estetisk tidskrift* 29.30 2004, pp. 112–122, 10 p. (available on MyMoodle) *

Wolf, Werner. "How to recognize a musicalized novel when reading one." In *The Musicalization of Fiction*. Amsterdam: Rodopi 1999, pp. 71–85. 14 p. (available on MyMoodle) *

Additional material provided by the department (ca 100 pages)