

Course description

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Course name:	American Cultural Studies		
Academic Year:	2024/2025	Printed:	31.05.2024 03:54

Department/Unit /	KAA / BKSA			Academic Year	2024/2025
Title	American Cultural Studies			Type of completion	Examination
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 5 Cred.			Type of completion	
Number of hours	Lecture 1 [HRS/WEEK] Seminar 2 [HRS/WEEK]				
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Course credit prior to	NO
Summer semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Counted into average	YES
Winter semester	2 / 70	0 / 0	0 / 0	Min. (B+C) students	not determined
Timetable	Yes			Repeated registration	NO
Language of instruction	English			Semester taught	Winter semester
Optional course	Yes			Internship duration	0
Evaluation scale	A B C D E F				
No. of hours of on-premise					
Auto acc. of credit	No				
Periodicity	K				
Substituted course	KAA/KSA				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	KAA/BKSB				
Meet all prerequisites before registering					YES
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	KAA/BAMKU				

Course objectives:

Cultural Studies is a subject which deals with the main phenomena of the target culture. Lectures are designed to provide not only a basic outline of cultural representations, but also their historical background and development. Furthermore, attention is paid to the reflection of cultural developments in various cultural products. In seminars, students are encouraged to utilise fact-based input from lectures in practical cultural activities, which they are encouraged to use in their own teaching practice/cultural experience. By facilitating cross-cultural comparisons, the seminars also strive to build students' own self-awareness and greater realisation of their own culture.

Requirements on student

Final oral exam.

Dr. Kleprlík's seminars:

1. Careful study of assigned texts
2. Presentation

Dr. Kalavská's seminars:

1. careful study of every required material;
2. presentation.

Content

Lectures:

American landscape and its impact on settlement.
Cultural regions.
Colonial America.
18th century US.

19th century US.

20th cent. US.

People: Immigration. Native Americans. Slavery. Individual, Community, Society.

Stereotypes, beliefs, symbols. Cultural regions of the USA

Seminars - dr. Kalavská: viz Moodle

Seminars - dr. Kleprlík: Colonial Period: theocracy, religious freedom, puritan ethics.

Towards Independence; Ideals of American Revolution.

Struggles to create a "more perfect Union".

First party system: Federalist vs. Democratic-Republicans.

Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democracy.

Slavery as Institution, debate on abolition vs. state-rights.

Reconstruction of the South; Lost cause narrative, Jim Crow laws.

Progressive ideas in America; immigration policy.

Multiculturalism vs. Cultural Pluralism.

Civil Rights Movement; Counterculture of post-war America.

Being an American. Americanization: (A Good or Bad Word?)

Prerequisites - other information about course preconditions

Competences acquired

The course aims at the development of the ability of cultural analysis and comparison, intercultural competence, communicative competence.

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** doc. Šárka Bubíková, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Lecturer:** doc. Šárka Bubíková, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** Mgr. Petra Kalavská, Ph.D. (100%), Mgr. Michal Kleprlík, Ph.D. (100%)

Literature

- **Basic:** Shi, David E.. *For the record : a documentary history of America*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2004. ISBN 0-393-92444-0.
- **Basic:** DATESMAN, M. K. a kol. *The American Ways: In Introduction to American Culture*. 2. vydání. White Plains NY: Longman, 1997.
- **Recommended:** RORTY, Richard. *Achieving our country: leftist thought in twentieth-century America*. ISBN 0-674-00311-X.
- **Recommended:** ELLIS, R. J. *American Political Cultures*. Oxford, New York: Oxford UP, 1993.
- **Recommended:** PURVIN, T. L. *Encyklopedie dějin USA*. Praha: Ivo Železný, 2004.
- **Recommended:** LUEDTKE, L. (ed.). *Making America: the Society and Culture of the USA*. Washington: USIA, 1987.
- **Recommended:** CROWTHER, J. (ed.). *Oxford Guide to British and American Culture*. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- **Recommended:** KRUPAT, A. *Red Matters: Native American Studies*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002.
- **Recommended:** MICKLETHWAIT, J.; WOOLDRIDGE, A. *The Right Nation*. Penguin Books, 2005.
- **Recommended:** TALLACK, D. *Twentieth-Century America*. Longman Literature in English Series. Longman, 1991.

Time requirements

All forms of study

Activities	Time requirements for activity [h]
Kontaktní výuka	39
Domácí příprava na výuku	39

Příprava prezentace (referátu)	10
Příprava na zkoušku	36
Samostatná kritická četba	26
Total:	150

Teaching methods

Monologic (reading, lecture, briefing)
 Dialogic (discussion, interview, brainstorming)
 Methods of individual activities

Assessment methods

Written examination
 Work-related product analysis

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
English Language	Bachelor	Full-time	English for Business	1	2024	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS
English Language	Bachelor	Full-time	English for Business	1	2019	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS
English Language	Bachelor	Full-time	English for Business	1	2023	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS
English Language	Bachelor	Full-time	English for Business	1	2022	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS
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English Language	Bachelor	Full-time	English for Education	1	2019	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS
German for Business	Bachelor	Full-time	German for Business - English Language	1	2021	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS
German for Business	Bachelor	Full-time	German for Business - English Language	1	2020	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS
Philosophy	Bachelor	Full-time	Philosophy - English Language	1	2021	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS
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Philosophy	Bachelor	Full-time	Philosophy - English Language	1	2023	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS
Religious Studies	Bachelor	Full-time	Religious Studies - English Language	1	2024	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	2	ZS

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