

Subject card

Subject name and code	American Culture in the 21 Century, PG_00144749						
Field of study	American Studies						
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 Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		English		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of American Studies -> Institute of English and American Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Barbara Miceli				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		2.0		33.0	50
Subject objectives	Familiarize students with the main directions of development of American society and with a range of cultural phenomena in the United States in the 21st century.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[AMERMU2_U03] Is able to properly select sources and evaluate, select, critically analyse, synthesise, creatively interpret and present the collected information, using advanced information and communication techniques, in particular in the field of American literary and cultural studies.	They are able to select sources appropriately and evaluate, select, critically analyze, synthesize, and creatively interpret and present the information gathered, using advanced information and communication technologies, particularly in the field of 21st-century American cultural studies.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[AMERMU2_K01] Is prepared to critically assess the scope of their knowledge and skills, especially in the field of American literary and cultural studies, contextual knowledge of American studies and the English language.	Is prepared to critically assess the scope of her own knowledge and skills, particularly in the field of American cultural studies.	[SK5] implementation of a problem task
	[AMERMU2_U06] Is able to lead a debate, including on American literature and culture, present and evaluate different opinions and positions, and discuss them.	Is able to conduct a debate on American culture, present and evaluate different opinions and viewpoints, and discuss them.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[AMERMU2_U05] Can communicate with diverse audiences on specialised topics related to literary and cultural phenomena and processes in North America, also using advanced terminology in the fields of literary and cultural studies	Is able to communicate with diverse audiences on specialized topics concerning contemporary cultural phenomena and processes in twenty-first-century North America, using advanced terminology from the fields of cultural and religious studies.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[AMERMU2_U01] Is able to use methods and tools appropriate for literary studies and cultural and religious studies in order to innovatively perform analytical and interpretative tasks related to texts, phenomena and processes in the field of American literature and culture.	Is able to use methods and tools appropriate to cultural and religious studies in order to carry out, in an innovative manner, analytical and interpretative tasks concerning phenomena and processes within contemporary American culture.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[AMERMU2_W14] Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilisation in the context of issues related to the development of North American literature, culture and society.	Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilization in the context of issues related to the development of culture and society in the USA in the 21st century.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[AMERMU2_W08] Has in-depth understanding of selected issues constituting advanced detailed knowledge of selected cultural phenomena and processes in North America.	Knows and understands, at an advanced level, selected issues constituting specialized knowledge concerning chosen cultural phenomena and processes in twenty-first-century US.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[AMERMU2_W06] Knows and understands in depth advanced terminology in the field of cultural studies applicable to the study of cultural phenomena and processes in North America.	Knows and understands, at an advanced level, the specialized terminology from the fields of cultural studies and religious studies used in the analysis of cultural phenomena and processes in twenty-first-century US.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
Subject contents	trends in the development of contemporary North American culture politics and culture in the US of the 21st multiculturalism and minority cultures in the US migration and demography of the USA, North American media social organizations, social movements, new research areas in American Studies		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	knowledge of English at C1 level		

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	active participation in classes	51.0%	20.0%
	in-class tasks, presentation	51.0%	30.0%
	test	51.0%	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Bolton K. ed., Media, popular culture and the American century Halliwell, M. Morley C. American Thought and Culture in the 21st Century Hoberman, J. Film After Film Rosenbaum, W. American Energy Schmitz, A. 21st Century American Government and Politics and other texts.	
	Supplementary literature	.	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Culture and digital media in the USA		
	Gentrification in American metropolises		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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