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| American Studies |

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| **Course title** | **American Literature 1: Beginnings to 19th Century** |
| Course code | SA1921 |
| Course type | full attendance/ tutorial |
| Course level | 1st cycle |
| Year of study, semester | 1st year of study, 2nd semester |
| Number of ECTS credits | 6 |
| Number of hours per week | 4 (2 lecture hours + 2 seminar hours) |
| Name of lecture holder | Dr. Dragos Zetu |
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| Prerequisites | Intermediate level of English  |
| A | **General and course-specific competences** |
|  | **General competences**:* Linguistic competences and other trans-disciplinary competences from history, literature to cultural studies
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| B | Course Objective |
|  | This course explores the development of American literature from the beginning until the Civil War. |
| C | **Lecture content** |
|  | American Literatures - Pre-Columbian Period to Civil War1. General Introduction2. American Literatures before 17702.1. Native American Literatures2.2. Vikings, Spanish, Dutch, French – and the English: Diaries, Travelogues, Relationes2.3. Literature of the First Settlements: William Bradford (1590–1657) Of Plymouth Plantation2.4. Captivity Narratives2.5. The Puritans: Winthrop, the Mathers, Anne Bradstreet2.6. From Mather to Franklin (The Great Awakening)3. The Early National Period: Declarations of Independence3.1. Benjamin Franklin3.2. Pamphlets and Letters: Thomas Paine3.3. The Declaration of Independence3.4. John and Abigail Adams: Familiar Letters of John Adams and His Wife Abigail, During the Revolution3.5. "What is an American?" 3.6. The Federalist Papers3.7. Voices from the Margins: The Deference of Female Emancipation, and the Unresolved Question of Slavery4. The Rise of a National Literature4.1. Philip Freneau (1752-1832) 4.2. First Novels 4.3. James Fenimore Cooper 5. Early American Short Story5.1. Short Prose Fiction before Irving5.2. Washington Irving5.2.1."Rip van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"6. Edgar Allan Poe (1809–1849)7. Americanizing American Culture7.1. Unitarianism and Transcendentalism7.2. Ralph Waldo Emerson7.3. Henry David Thoreau7.4. Other Transcendentalists: Ripley, Brownson, Fuller8. Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804–1864)9. Herman Melville (1819– 1891) |
| D | **Recommended reading for lectures** |
|  | Handbooks:- *Encyclopedia of American Literature*. Ed. Steven S. Serafin. New York: Continuum Publ. Co., 1999- *Reference Guide to American Literature*. Ed. Thomas Riggs. Detroit: St. James Press, 1999- *The Oxford Companion to American Literature*. Ed. James D.Hart. New York: Oxford UP, 1995*- American Writers. A Collection of Literary Biographies. 3 Vols*. Ed. Leonard Unger. New York: Scribner's, 1974Histories:- *The Cambridge History of American Literature*. *Vol. 1: 1590-1820*. Ed. Sacvan Bercovitch, , Cambridge: CUP, 1994- *The Cambridge History of American Literature*. *Vol.2: 1820-1865*. Ed. Sacvan Bercovitch, , Cambridge: CUP, 1995- Spiller, Robert E., Willard Thorp, Thomas H. Johnson, Henry Seidel Canby, Richard M. Ludwig, *Literary History of the United States*. New York / London: Collier - Macmillan, 3rd rev. ed., 1963- Trent, William Peterfield, ed., *A History of American Literature*, Vol. 2, 3. Cambridge / New York: CUP / G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1919, 1921- *Columbia Literary History of the United States*. Gen. ed. Emory Elliott, New York: Columbia UP, 1988Anthologies:- *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*. 2 Vols. Gen. ed. Paul Lauter, Lexington MA: D.C. Heath, 1990*- The Norton Anthology of American Literature*. 2 Vols. Gen. ed. Nina Baym, 4th ed., New York: W.W. Norton, 1998 |
| E | **Seminar content** |
|  | The Declaration of Independence The Tell-Tale HeartThe Purloined LetterNatureRip Van WinkleThe Legend of Sleepy HollowBartleby, the ScrivenerMoby DickYoung Goodman Brown The Scarlet Letter  |
| F | **Recommended reading for seminars** |
|  | See above |
| G | **Education style** |
| learning and teaching methods | Lecture, oral report |
| assessment methods | Oral presentation, written exam |
| Language of instruction | English |