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| MA GRADUATE) PROGRAMMEAMERICAN STUDIES2nd YEAR OF STUDY, 1st SEMESTER |

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| **Course title** | | PHILOSOPHICAL AND POLITICAL THINKING. AMERICAN TRANSCENDENTALISM |
| Course code | |  |
| Course type | | Full attendance |
| Course level | | MA (GRADUATE) |
| Year of study, semester | | 2ndyear of study, 1st semester |
| Number of ECTS credits | | 5 |
| Number of hours per week | | 2 (1 lecture hour + 1 seminar hour) |
| Name of lecture holder | | Codrin Liviu Cutitaru |
| Name of seminar holder | | Codrin Liviu Cutitaru |
| Prerequisites | | Advanced Level of English |
| A | **General and course-specific competences** | |
|  | **General competences:**:  Acquianting students with the evolution of the philosophical/political thinking – in the 19th century – in America.  **Specific competences:**  Understanding the hermeneutic mechanisms of Transcendentalism, based on the main writings of R. A. Emerson, H. D. Thoreau and W. Whitman. | |
| B | **Learning outcomes** | |
|  | Knowledge of the literature/philosophy/political thinking of Transcendentalists. | |
| C | **Lecture content** | |
|  | Ralph Waldo Emerson (3 lectures), Henry David Thoreau (2 lectures), Walt Whitman (2 lectures). | |
| D | **Recommended reading for lectures** | |
|  | **Finding Freedom**. J.H.McElroy. Illinois UP, Chicago, 1991  **The Norton Anthology of American Civilization.** Ed.J.Pope. Norton Comp., NY, 1992  **The History of America**. Ed.E.Dryden.Arizona UP, Tucson, 1994  **The Making of America**. Ed.Ivonne Bryant. UP of America, NY, 1981.  **Democracy in America**. Alexis de Toqueville. Penguin Books, NY, 1983 | |
| E | **Seminar content** | |
|  | Emerson (**Nature**), Emerson (**The American Scholar**), Emerson (**Politics**), Thoreau **(Civil Disobedience, Life Without Principle**), Thoreau (**Walden**), Whitman (**Preface** to the 1855 edition of **Leaves of Grass**), Whitman (**Song of Myself**) | |
| F | **Recommended reading for seminars** | |
|  | **Essays**. Ralph Waldo Emerson. HBJ, NY, 1985  **Walden**. Henry David Thoreau. Free Press, Washington, 1990  **Civil Disobedience**. Henry David Thoreau. Batavia, New York, 1966  **Life Without Principle**. Henry David Thoreau. Batavia, New York, 1966  **Leaves of Grass**. **Song of Myself.** Walt Whitman. Penguin Books, NY, 1982  **Leaves of Grass**. **Preface 1855.** Walt Whitman. Penguin Books, NY, 1982 | |
| G | **Education style** | |
| learning and teaching methods | | Lectures, seminars, workshops, presentations |
| assessment methods | | Written Exam |
| Language of instruction | | English |