

Course title: English Literature: American Literature

Course code: EN1062 (A), EN1065 (B)

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: BA

Year of study: 3rd

Semester: 6th

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 5/5

Name of the lecturer: Ștefan Avădanei

Course objective: The course is meant to offer students a broader perspective on the American literature in the context of the American culture and civilisation.

Course contents: The first part consists of a number of preliminary observation on issues of general interest (rhetoric, history, literary history, fiction, ideology, etc.) followed by a short presentation of the American history and geography, regionalism, immigration and ethnicity, marginality, religion, etc. The course then focuses on a „thematic guide” or „major themes” meant to highlight the „Americanness” of the American literature and culture, exemplified through ten authors considered representative for the American Literature: Hawthorne, Poe, Melville, Dickinson, Twain, James, Faulkner, Hemingway, O Neill, Frost.

Recommended reading: Avădanei, Ștefan , *North American Literary History*, Iasi : Institutul European, 2004; Avădanei., Ștefan , *66 de poezi americani* Iasi: Editura Universitatii "Alexandru Ioan Cuza", 1997; Baym, Nina & Others, eds,; NY, *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*, NY: Norton Company, 1986; Baym, Nina, *Woman's Fiction: A Guide to Novels by and about Women in America (1820-1870)*, Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1993; Gordon, Avery and Christopher Hawfield, eds., *Mapping Multiculturalism*, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1996

Teaching methods: lectures, workshops

Assessment methods: seminar essay; final (written) test

Language of instruction: English