

**Course title:** Society and Communication II

**Course code:** SA1064

**Type of course:** compulsory

**Level of course:** BA

**Year of study:** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Semester:** 6<sup>th</sup>

**Number of ECTS credits allocated:** 5

**Name of the lecturer:** Gerard Stan

**Course objective:** To understand the specificity of American philosophy; to familiarize the students with the main trends and representatives of American philosophy and their main theoretical contributions; to highlight the specificity of the pragmatic approach of philosophical issues.

**Course contents:** The modern origins of pragmatism; Charles Peirce and pragmatism; James and the pragmatic theory on truth; Dewey on education; communitarism and the new individualism; the pragmatism of analytic philosophy (W.V.O. Quine, D. Davidson și H. Putnam); antiessentialism and antirepresentationalism in neopragmatism; Hilary Putnam and the internal realism; Richard Rorty; Pragmatism and the social and political functions of philosophy.

**Recommended reading:** William James, *Pragmatismul*, Editura Timpul, Iași, 2000; Andrei Marga (ed.), *Filosofie americană*, vol. I, *Filosofia americană clasică*, Editura AII, București, 2000, pp. 84-124, 153-234, 265-300, 331-356; Andrei Marga, *Reconstrucția pragmatică a filosofiei*, Editura Polirom, Iași, 1998; Richard Rorty, *Obiectivitate, relativism și adevăr*, Eseuri filosofice 1, Editura Univers, București, 2000, pp. 46-214; John E. Smith, *The Spirit of American Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 1963

**Teaching methods:** lectures, workshops

**Assessment methods:** homework; final (written) test

**Language of instruction:** English