

MA (GRADUATE) PROGRAMME  
 AMERICAN STUDIES  
 2nd YEAR OF STUDY, 1st SEMESTER

COURSE TITLE	PHILOSOPHICAL AND POLITICAL THINKING. AMERICAN TRANSCENDENTALISM	
COURSE CODE		
COURSE TYPE	Full attendance	
COURSE LEVEL	MA (GRADUATE)	
YEAR OF STUDY, SEMESTER	2nd year 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	
	<p><b>General competences:</b>          Acquainting students with the evolution of the philosophical/political thinking – in the 19th century – in America.</p> <p><b>Specific competences:</b>          Understanding the hermeneutic mechanisms of Transcendentalism, based on the main writings of R. A. Emerson, H. D. Thoreau and W. Whitman.</p>	
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	
	<p><b>Finding Freedom.</b> J.H.McElroy. Illinois UP, Chicago, 1991  <b>The Norton Anthology of American Civilization.</b> Ed.J.Pope. Norton Comp., NY, 1992  <b>The History of America.</b> Ed.E.Dryden.Arizona UP, Tucson, 1994  <b>The Making of America.</b> Ed.Ivonne Bryant. UP of America, NY, 1981.  <b>Democracy in America.</b> Alexis de Toqueville. Penguin Books, NY, 1983</p>	
E	SEMINAR CONTENT	
	Emerson ( <b>Nature</b> ), Emerson ( <b>The American Scholar</b> ), Emerson ( <b>Politics</b> ), Thoreau ( <b>Civil Disobedience, Life Without Principle</b> ), Thoreau ( <b>Walden</b> ), Whitman ( <b>Preface</b> to the 1855 edition of <b>Leaves of Grass</b> ), Whitman ( <b>Song of Myself</b> )	
F	RECOMMENDED READING FOR SEMINARS	
	<p><b>Essays.</b> Ralph Waldo Emerson. HBJ, NY, 1985  <b>Walden.</b> Henry David Thoreau. Free Press, Washington, 1990  <b>Civil Disobedience.</b> Henry David Thoreau. Batavia, New York, 1966  <b>Life Without Principle.</b> Henry David Thoreau. Batavia, New York, 1966  <b>Leaves of Grass. Song of Myself.</b> Walt Whitman. Penguin Books, NY, 1982  <b>Leaves of Grass. Preface 1855.</b> Walt Whitman. Penguin Books, NY, 1982</p>	
G	EDUCATION STYLE	
LEARNING AND TEACHING METHODS	Lectures, seminars, workshops, presentations	
ASSESSMENT METHODS	Written Exam	
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English	

