



ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS COURSE CATALOGUE

Department of English Language and Literature

COURSE TITLE: AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE		
Course instructor	Dr Tatjana Vukelić, senior lecturer (viši predavač)	
Study programme	Undergraduate study programme in English Language and Literature	
Status of the course	Elective	
Year of study	2	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	2
	Number of class hours (Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	30+0+0

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

1.1. Course objectives

The objective of this course is to introduce the students into the 4 centuries old historical, cultural and literary African American tradition. The course aims at developing critical thinking and analyzing of literary works that the students are expected to read and give presentations.

1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course

None

1.3. Expected course learning outcomes

Upon completing the course the students will be able to:

- Define the historical and literary determinants of African American literature as being a part of a American literary mainstream
- Identify the main features of African American literary tradition that occur in the works of the distinguished African American writers
- Identify and explain the most important issues concerning African American people in their search of identity and freedom (race, gender, sex issues)
- Account for and independently analyze the literary works; critically and creatively reflect on a literary work in the presentation

1.4. Course content

- An overview of historical facts and events pertaining to African American tradition
- Literature of slavery and freedom
- Literature of the Reconstruction
- Harlem Renaissance
- Realism, Naturalism, Modernism
- Black Arts
- Contemporary literature
- Issues: race, gender and sex discrimination; abolitionism; identity search; civil rights; feminism; womanism; black nationalism ; new black aesthetics

1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Seminars and workshops
- ✓ Individual assignments