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Department of English Studies

General information		
Name of the course	American Culture	
Course instructor	Dr. Lovorka Gruić Grmuša, Associate Professor	
Study programme	Undergraduate study programme in English Language and Literature	
Status of the course	Compulsory	
Academic year	2022-2023 (winter semester)	
Language	English	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	3
	Number of class hours	30+0+0
	(Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

1.1. Course objectives

The course introduces students to the United States culture and civilization, its multicultural heritage, history, customs, politics, institutions, and values.

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

Excellent command of written and spoken English is required

1.3. Expected course learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students will:

- have an understanding of the characteristics of the United States multicultural background
- \cdot be able to identify the main aspects of the U.S. culture
- know key events in American history, from colonial times to the present
- have developed the ability to analyze the characteristics and concepts which are tied to the U.S. history and experience, and the way in which they influence other regions in the world
- be able to explain the U.S. government structure

1.4. Course content

The course gives a survey of the U.S. culture and civilization from colonial times to the present. It focuses on the major events, problems, and institutions of American society, including immigration, government structure, key figures, wars, slavery, social security, education, religion, popular culture, basic geography and regional differences, and other social, cultural, political, and economic developments.

1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Seminars and workshops

- \checkmark Distance learning
- \checkmark Individual assignments
- ✓ Other: research