



## Department of English Studies

General information		
Name of the course	American Literature	
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 (summer semester)	
Language	English	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	5
	Number of class hours (Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	45+0+30

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION
<b>1.1. Course objectives</b>
The course introduces students to a variety of American literature texts from its roots to contemporary literature, focusing on the 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> century texts.
<b>1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course</b>
Excellent command of written and spoken English is required. Please consult with the course instructor directly prior to application at <a href="mailto:lovorka.gruic.grmusa@ffri.uniri.hr">lovorka.gruic.grmusa@ffri.uniri.hr</a>
<b>1.3. Expected course learning outcomes</b>
Having completed the course, students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· have an understanding of the characteristics of different literary genres and periods in American literature</li><li>· have developed the ability to interpret and analyze primary texts, have evolved their critical reading skills</li><li>· be able to give a short lecture about a chosen text</li></ul>
<b>1.4. Course content</b>
The course offers a survey of American literature from the period of exploration and settlement to the present. Texts of prose, poetry, fiction and non-fiction in relation to historical and cultural contexts will be selected to reveal the evolving American experience from pre-colonial heritage, through the Puritan legacy, wars for independence and against slavery, to modernism, postmodernism, and contemporary literature.
<b>1.5. Manner of instruction</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Lectures</li><li>✓ Seminars and workshops</li><li>✓ Distance learning</li><li>✓ Individual assignments</li><li>✓ Other: research</li></ul>