

Subject card

Subject name and code	American Society - lectures, PG_00144804						
Field of study	American Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		English		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Division of American Studies -> Institute of English and American Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Arkadiusz Misztal				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	15		1.0		34.0	50
Subject objectives	This course is designed to familiarize students with the complex construction of American society - its characteristics, the dynamics of social relations, ways of integration, solving social problems (in a broad sense) and the processes leading to the development of the concept of a nation formed, among other things, on the basis of a common value system.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[AMERL3_W10] Knows and understands basic dilemmas of modern civilization in the context of issues related to cultural and social problems in the United States.	He knows and understands the basic dilemmas of modern civilization in the context of issues related to cultural and social problems in the United States in 20th century	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[AMERL3_U07] Is able to prepare written work and oral presentations in English, including using specialized terminology in cultural and religious sciences and literary studies.	Able to prepare written work in English addressing the issues of US society using specialized terminology from the cultural sciences.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[AMERL3_W05] Has advanced knowledge of the basic conceptual and terminological apparatus of cultural and religious studies applicable to the study of cultural phenomena and processes in North America.	He has advanced knowledge of the basic conceptual and terminological apparatus of cultural and religious studies applicable to the study of US society from a cultural perspective.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[AMERL3_U03] is able to use acquired subject knowledge to identify, analyze, interpret and explain cultural phenomena and processes in North America, using concepts and methods from cultural and religious studies.	Able to use acquired subject knowledge to identify, analyze, interpret and explain cultural phenomena and processes in relation to US society, using concepts and methods from the cultural sciences.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[AMERL3_W11] Knows and understands the basic interrelationships of American cultural and literary studies with other humanity studies and social sciences, including, in particular, knowledge of selected issues and basic terminology in American history, society, language, politics and art, constituting the basic contextual knowledge necessary for the study of North American cultural phenomena and processes.	Knows and understands the basic interrelationships of American cultural studies with other humanities and social sciences, including, in particular, knowledge of selected issues and basic terminology of US society, constituting the basic contextual knowledge necessary for the study of North American cultural phenomena and processes.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[AMERL3_W07] Has advanced detailed knowledge of selected issues concerning cultural phenomena and processes in North America.	Has detailed knowledge of selected issues concerning cultural phenomena and processes in USA.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[AMERL3_U06] Able to communicate orally and in writing on issues related to American and British culture and literature, using specialized terminology in cultural and religious studies and literary studies.	Able to communicate orally and in writing on issues related to U.S. society, using specialized terminology from the cultural sciences.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[AMERL3_W09] Knows and understands to an advanced degree contemporary cultural trends in the US.	He knows and understands contemporary cultural trends in the US.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	American society since the second half of the 20th century - characteristics, changes, processes - their interpretation and significance. Movements for equality of people of color and minorities. Internal migrations. Immigration. Transnationalism. Cultural conflicts. Music as a catalyst for social change. Racism, poverty, exclusion, war - characterization of problems in the context of minorities. Urbanization. American women in terms of ethnicity. Birth and development of American labor unions. American suburbia. Asians and Hispanics in US social history. Americanization. Reform movements. Welfare, medical care and health problems. Sports. Modern technology and American society. Violence.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	command of English at B2 level		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	self-reflection report	51.0%	10.0%
	final exam	51.0%	50.0%
	tasks and assignments specified by Instructor	51.0%	40.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Podręcznik: H. Zinn, A Peoples History of the United States, 1492-Present, New York: Harper Collins, 2003 rozdziały 1-13. Lektury obowiązkowe: Dante Chinni, James Gimpel, Our Patchwork Nation (New York: Gotham Books, 2010). Herbert S. Klein, A Population History of the United States (Cambridge UK, New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2004) Gary B. Nash, Graham Russel Gao Hodges, Friends of Liberty, New York 2012. Franz Fanon, Black Skin. White Masks, New York 1967 (any edition) Nicholas Lemann, The Promised Land. The Great Black Migration and How it Changed America, Paw Prints2008. M.P. Erdmans, T. Black, On Becoming a Teen Mom, Calif. Univ. Press 2015. Dominic Pacyga, Slaughterhouse: Chicagos Union Stock Yard and the world it made, Chicago 2015. Eric Alterman, What Liberal Media? The Truth about Bias and the News, New York 2004. Michelle Alexander, The New Jim Crow: mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness (New York: New Press, 2010). Vicki L. Ruiz, Donna R. Gabaccia, American Dreaming, Global Realities, Chicago 2006.
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	Supplementary literature	Teksty analizowane na zajęciach (wybrane rozdziały i teksty źródłowe): Major Problems in African-American History, Documents and Essays, Vol. II: From Freedom to Freedom Now 1865-1990s, ed. T.C. Holt (Boston, New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2000). Major Problems in American Womens History, Documents and Essays, ed. Mary B. Norton, Ruth M. Alexander (Boston, New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2000). Major Problems in the History of American Workers Documents and Essays, ed. Eileen Boris, Nelson Lichtenstein (Lexington, Mass., Toronto: D.C. Heath and Company, 1991) Major Problems in Asian American History, Documents and Essays, (Boston, New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2003). Major Problems in American Immigration and Ethnic History, Documents and Essays, ed. Jon Gjerde ((Boston, New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1998). Major Problems in the History of American Medicine and Public Health, Documents and Essays, ed. John Harley Warner, J. H. Warner (Boston, New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001). Major Problems in American Sport History, Documents and Essays, ed. Stevem A. Riess, (Boston, New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1997). Major Problems in American Urban and Suburban History. Documents and Essays, ed. Howard P. Chudacoff, P. c. Baldwin (Boston: Wadsworth, 2005). Major Problems in the History of American Technology, Documents and Essays, ed. Merritt Roe Smith, Gregory Clancey (Boston, New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1998).
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	The importance of protest music in American culture.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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