

Subject card

Subject name and code	US History - lecture I, PG_00144781						
Field of study	American Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026	
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study	
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery			at the university	
Year of study	1		Language of instruction			English	
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits			3.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			credit	
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 Piotr Derengowski				
	Teachers		dr Piotr Derengowski				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	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	30		2.0		43.0	75
Subject objectives	The purpose of the course is to familiarize the students with historical context essential for further instruction within the American studies. Successful completion of the course provides the students with basic knowledge of the history of Western Hemisphere, as well as systematic knowledge of the History of the USA. This class also gives the students the opportunity to get to know both terminology and the basics skills for conducting historical research.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[AMERL3_K01] is ready to critically evaluate his knowledge and skills, especially in American cultural and literary studies, as well as the basic contextual knowledge of American studies concerning history, social sciences, geography, linguistics and art and English.	Student is ready to critically evaluate the extent of his knowledge of North American history. (K_K01)	[SK4] 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.	Student knows selected issues and basic terminology in American History, constituting the basic contextual knowledge necessary for the study of North American cultural phenomena and processes. (K_W11)	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[AMERL3_U09] Is able to use and communicate knowledge of history, social sciences, geography, linguistics and the arts, providing a basic context in the study of North American cultural phenomena and processes.	Student is able to use and communicate knowledge of history, which is the basic context in the study of North American cultural phenomena and processes. (K_U09)	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	Semester 1: Precolumbian America and the heritage of Native Americans; clash of cultures; Spanish colonization. British colonization patterns, challenges, outcomes. Relations between colonists and natives of Eastern Coast of North America. Migrations. Beginnings and development of American slavery. Middle Passage. Birth of American democracy Declaration of Independence; Constitution of the USA; Polish accents. Territorial growth scope, consequences. Decolonization in South America. Andrew Jackson. Abraham Lincoln. The Civil War. - Polish accents. African Americans in the Civil War.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	English B1		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Attendance	70.0%	10.0%
	Test	51.0%	90.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Textbook: semester 1: E. Foner, Give Me Liberty! An American History, Vol. I (3rd Edition or newer)	
	Supplementary literature	Collection of sources: Voices of Freedom. A Documentary History, ed. by E. Foner, Vol. 1 (3rd Edition)	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Name colonies that were considered to be a part of Tobacco Kingdom.		
	Name two out of Five Civilized Tribes		
	Explain the notion: Mr. Madisons War		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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