

Subject card

Subject name and code	MA Seminar III, PG_00144769						
Field of study	American Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027	
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional 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			9.0	
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 hab. Arkadiusz Misztal				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	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		15.0		180.0	225
Subject objectives	Developing knowledge related to the topic of the master's thesis in preparation. Conduct complex and independent American Studies research. Deepen knowledge of the methodology and workshop of cultural/ literary studies, including methods of inference, justification and verification. Preparation of longer written works, collection and selection of materials, organizing the developed topic, editing the text. Public presentation of own theses and discussion of them.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[AMERMU2_U02] Student is s able to formulate and solve complex and unusual research problems, as well as pose and test simple hypotheses about literary and cultural phenomena and processes in North America, using methodological and theoretical approaches appropriate to literary studies and cultural and religious studies.	s able to formulate and solve complex research problems and pose and test simple hypotheses about literary and cultural phenomena and processes in North America in his thesis, using methodological and theoretical approaches appropriate to literary and cultural and religious studies.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_K02] Student is ready to recognize the role of knowledge and skills, especially in American Studies, in solving cognitive and practical problems, and is ready to consult with a research supervisor or mentor at the chosen workplace in case of difficulties in solving problems independently.	s ready to recognize the role of knowledge and skills, including, in particular, in American Studies, in solving cognitive and practical problems, and is ready to consult a supervisor in case of difficulties in solving problems independently.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_K01] Student is ready to critically assess the extent of her/his knowledge and skills, especially in the fields of American literature and cultural studies, contextual knowledge of American studies and the English language.	Is ready to critically assess the extent of his knowledge and skills needed to prepare a master's thesis, especially in the field of American literary and cultural studies.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[AMERMU2_U03] Student is able to properly select sources and evaluate, select, critically analyze, synthesize and creatively interpret and present the collected information, using advanced information and communication techniques, especially in the field of American literature and cultural studies and in his professional work.	Ss able to properly select sources and evaluate, select, critically analyze, synthesize and creatively interpret and present the collected information in the thesis, using advanced information and communication techniques, in the field of American literature and cultural studies.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_K03] Student is ready to make decisions independently and to critically evaluate and accept responsibility for the consequences of her/his own actions, the actions of the teams s/he leads and the organizations in which s/he participates, to lead a group and take responsibility for it, performing tasks within the framework of American Studies and professional practice.	Is ready to make independent decisions and to critically evaluate and accept responsibility for the consequences of his own actions, performing tasks related to the preparation of a thesis in American Studies.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_W05] Student knows and comprehensively understands advanced terminology in literary studies applicable to the study of American literature.	Knows and understands in depth advanced terminology in literary studies applicable to the preparation of a master's thesis examining American literature.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_U01] Student is able to use methods and tools appropriate to literary studies and cultural and religious studies to innovatively perform analytical and interpretive tasks concerning phenomena and processes in American literature and culture.	ble to use methods and tools appropriate to literary studies and cultural and religious studies to innovatively perform analytical and interpretive tasks concerning the phenomena and processes of American literature and culture studied in the thesis.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_K09] Student is ready to observe, develop and disseminate the principles of ethics in the performance of tasks related to the program of study, in research work in the field of American literature and cultural studies, and in professional work.	Is ready to observe, develop and disseminate the principles of ethics in the performance of tasks related to the preparation of a master's thesis in American literature or cultural studies.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_W03] Student knows and comprehensively understands advanced methodologies and theories in literary studies applicable to the study of American literature.	Knows and understands to an in-depth degree advanced methodologies and theories in literary studies applicable to a master's thesis examining American literature.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work

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	[AMERMU2_W11] Student knows and comprehensively understands advanced methods of analysis and interpretation specific to American literature.	knows and understands to an in-depth degree advanced methods of analysis and interpretation specific to American literature within the framework of his thesis.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_W08] Student knows and comprehensively understands selected topics representing advanced detailed knowledge of selected cultural phenomena and processes in North America.	Knows and understands in-depth selected issues constituting advanced detailed knowledge regarding the cultural phenomena and processes in North America examined in the master's thesis.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_U07] Student is able to prepare written work and oral presentations in English at the C2 level, using specialized terminology from the fields of literary and cultural and religious studies.	Is able to prepare individual elements of a master's thesis and presentations of his/her research in English at C2 level, using specialist terminology from the field of literary, cultural and religious studies.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_W06] Student knows and comprehensively understands advanced terminology in cultural and religious studies applicable to the study of cultural phenomena and processes in North America.	Knows and understands at an in-depth level advanced terminology in the field of cultural and religious studies in a master's thesis examining cultural phenomena and processes in North America.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_U10] Student is able to independently plan and implement her/his own lifelong learning and guide others in this regard within the framework of American Studies and her/his chosen sphere of professional activity.	Is able to independently plan and implement his/her own lifelong learning and guide others in this area as part of a Master's seminar in American Studies.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[AMERMU2_W18] Student knows and understands concepts and principles of copyright and property protection applicable to research work in literary and cultural and religious studies in American Studies and in the context of chosen professional activity.	Knows and understands the concepts and principles of copyright and property protection that apply to the preparation of a master's thesis in the field of literary studies or cultural and religious studies as part of American studies.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_W04] Student knows and comprehensively understands advanced methodologies and theories in cultural and religious studies applicable to the study of cultural phenomena and processes in North America.	Knows and understands in-depth advanced methodologies and theories in the field of cultural and religious studies as they apply to the preparation of a master's thesis examining cultural phenomena and processes in North America.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_W07] Student knows and comprehensively understands selected topics representing advanced detailed knowledge of selected issues in American literature.	Knows and understands in-depth selected issues constituting advanced detailed knowledge regarding the issues in American literature examined in the master's thesis.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERMU2_W12] Student knows and comprehensively understands advanced methods of analysis and interpretation applicable to the study of culture and cultural identities of North American societies.	Knows and understands to a deeper degree advanced methods of analysis and interpretation applicable to the issues researched in the master's thesis in the area of culture and cultural identities of North American societies.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	The content of the seminar includes issues related to the subject of American Studies: literary studies, cultural studies, social studies, media studies and others, as well as their configurations. At the same time, knowledge is developed in the field of cultural theories, philosophical trends, and other methodological issues, the knowledge of which is necessary when preparing works of a specific profile. Students also develop academic language skills and reading academic texts. They conduct a research project and present subsequent stages of work. The ultimate goal of the seminar is to prepare a complete master's thesis.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Credit for the previous semester's seminar		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	class discussion	51.0%	10.0%
	presentation	51.0%	10.0%
	conducting research project and submission of written stages of the dissertation	51.0%	80.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	to be selected by each instructor
	Supplementary literature	to be selected by the instructor in consultation with the student
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	to be selected by the instructor in consultation with the student	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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