

Academic Year/course: 2022/23

27822 - History and Culture of the United States

Syllabus Information

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Subject: 27822 - History and Culture of the United States

Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

Degree: 416 - Degree in English

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 2

Semester: First semester

Subject Type: Compulsory

Module:

1. General information

2. Learning goals

3. Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

4. Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1. Methodological overview

The primary objective of this course is the acquisition of a general knowledge about the history and the culture of the United States of America as well as the development of abstract thinking and critical skills for the analysis of written and audio-visual cultural texts. An active methodology is followed, favouring both individual and cooperative group work.

4.2. Learning tasks

This is a 6 ECTS course organized as follows:

- **Lectures** (1.2 ECTS: 30 hours). Sessions where the basic concepts of each unit are introduced.
- **Practice sessions** (1.2 ECTS: 30 hours). It involves individual and group work in which learners carry out a number of tasks aimed at the critical analysis of various cultural texts. Learners adopt a critical stance and apply their knowledge of U.S. history and culture to the analysis of texts.
- **Individual and group tutorials** (0.3 ECTS: 7.5 hours). Monitoring the different steps in the writing of an individual academic essay.
- **Autonomous work**

Reading of compulsory bibliography, viewing of audio-visual texts, and on-line work (2.7 ECTS: 67.5 hours).

Essay writing (0.6 ECTS: 15 hours)

- **Assessment tasks** (0.1 ECTS: 2.5 hours).

Continuous assessment. Two written exams and two individual essays completed during the course module

Final examination. Written exam (examination questions and essay)

4.3. Syllabus

This course will address the following topics:

1. Introduction
2. The Country and Its People
3. The Rise of Colonial America
4. American Revolution: The Constitution and the New Republic
5. Antebellum America
6. The Civil War and Reconstruction
7. The Imperial Republic: Industrialization, Progressivism and Depression
8. From the Liberal Era to the Conservative Revolution

4.4. Course planning and calendar

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course will be provided on the first day of class, or please refer to the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts website (academic calendar: <http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>; timetable: <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>; assessment dates: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context>).