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## **AMERICAN HISTORY UNTIL 1865**

Bachelor in English and American Language, Literature and History  
Faculty of Liberal Arts

### **Course information**

Bachelor year 1                      24 HOURS

Spring Semester                      5 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

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Course Code: FDL\_AN\_L1\_S2\_CM\_CIVI\_US

### **Course description**

This course focuses on the evolution of American history from the beginning of British colonization in America (1607) until the American Civil War (1861-65).

### **Learning Objectives**

The aims of this course are to familiarize students with the history and civilisations of the North American continent from the 15<sup>th</sup> century until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century; to discover the numerous Native American tribes and cultures, to learn about the institution of slavery, and the eventual development of British colonial presence in North America, including the distinct 13 colonies and their individual self-identities and cultures; to understand the reasons for the eventual unified colonial agreement to launch a war of independence from Great Britain and the gradual formation of a republic, eventually known as the United States; to grasp the main principles of the American Constitution and federalism; to learn about the various stages of territorial Anglophone expansion to the West the development and resolution of the American Civil War.

### **Course Prerequisites**

English

### **Method of Instruction**

Lecture

**Assessment and Final Grade**

Consistent attendance, notetaking, final exam

**Course Requirements**

N/A