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AMERICAN LITERATURE: FROM THE COLONIAL PERIOD TO THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR (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_LITTE_US

Course description

This lecture course deals with the maturation of American literature, from its origins in colonial America to its accomplishment with the major writers of the first half of the nineteenth century. It explores the paradoxical relationship of American literature to European models, marked by a tension between imitation and a desire for emancipation. Focusing on major works, it highlights the specific issues at stake in American writings.

Learning Objectives

This course is an introduction to early American literature.

Course Prerequisites

Fluent English.

Methods of Instruction

Magisterial Course using PowerPoint Presentation

Assessment and Final grade

One final exam of one hour consisting in 4 questions about various authors studied in the course, and a short excerpt to analyze.

Course Requirements

A regular attendance to the lectures.