

L'esprit grand ouvert sur le monde

U.S. HISTORY 1865-1945

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

Course information

Bachelor Year 2 24 HOURS Spring Semester 5 ECTS

Lectures

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Course Code: FDL_AN_L2_S4_CM_CIVI_US

Course Description

An in-depth study of some significant characteristics of the modern American presidency from its emergence in the 19th century until World War II with analysis of primary sources. The seminars aim to help students to develop their analytical skills and use knowledge acquired from the lectures.

Week 1: Understanding modern US History: Schlesinger's Cycles of American History

Week 2: The Emergence of the modern presidency: Wildavsky's Dual President Theory

Week 3 : Abraham Lincoln : The Prerogative President

Week 4: Theodore Roosevelt: The Rhetorical President

Week 5: Woodrow Wilson: The Stewardship President

Week 6: Woodrow Wilson & New Diplomacy

Week 7: The Jazz Age Presidency

Week 8: Franklin D. Roosevelt & The New Deal

Week 9: FDR & World War II

Week 10: An Imperial Presidency?

Week 11: "My President, right or wrong"

Week 12 : Exam Revision

Learning Objectives

By the end of the semester, you will have a good understanding of what makes the American Presidency different even unique in how it functions.

Course Prerequisites

None

Methods of Instruction

Lecture

Assessment and Final Grade

Final Exam

Course Requirements

None