



## **NORTH AMERICAN CIVILISATION**

Bachelor in Applied Foreign Languages

Faculty of Liberal Arts

### **Course information**

Bachelor year 1                      24 HOURS

Spring Semester                      5 ECTS

Practical Sessions (TD)

Professor: Ceixia Tan

### **Course description**

This course will familiarize students with the first European explorations of the American continent; discover the different Anglo-American colonies and their distinct histories for some of them; understand the multiple reasons for the revolution and independence of the United States; grasp the main principles of the American Constitution, federalism, and electoral system; to understand the various stages of territorial and continental expansion to the West and its many consequences; to grasp the cultural importance of antebellum America and the Civil War; to see the profound impact of mass immigration at the turn of the 20th century on the plural identity of the American people today; and finally to explore the first signs of American imperialism in the era of the Industrial Revolution and Progressivism. Personal reading and study of historical documents will be required during specific sessions in order to acquire lexicon and to discuss several essential cultural facts.

Evaluation methods: final exam, a written test in two parts: the first part will consist of a series of course questions out of 12 points, followed by a second part of analysis of an iconographic document to be contextualised and commented on out of 8 points.