History of Ideas in American Civilization (Bachelor Year 3 / Spring)

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

Introduction

These key words, key ideas are prismatic. They are many faceted. The Promised Land, Freedom, The Constitution, Free Enterprise, Work, Entertainment Industry, Youth Culture, Race, Pluralism, Sex, and Media & Mass Communications have been expressed in many American
Civilization ways over the years. My intention in this course is not to lead you from milestone to milestone, bourn to bourn. Your texts in our class handout Key Ideas of American Civilization do that. Read these chapters you must.

Objectives

In class I offer students choice illustrations of our selection of key ideas, key words in American Civilization. What you read and what is illustrated – hopefully the combination of the two ingredients – take the students coherently to the final exam, where they will be asked to succinctly bulls' eye the linchpin elements of certain key words, key ideas in American Civilization. By way of audio visuals and questions posed in class the students are encouraged to discuss and debate the value of what we are analyzing – the value for cross-cultural understanding of US civilization, the value of understanding the role of ideas in the formation of a nation.

Admission

Prerequisite

Prerequisites training

In order to take a L3 course in US Civilization, a student at ICP has to have passed all their L2 courses; in other words, to take a Senior course they have to have passed all their required Junior Year courses – in language, grammar, oral and written expression, Literature & Communication Studies.

Program

Methods of Instruction

Duration

1 semester

Teaching languages

- English

Conditions of submission

If you need more information about this course, kindly send an email to: incomingdri@icp.fr

This course is a CM. That means it is primary a “Magistral” course in which the professor lectures and covers the subject matter. The students are expected and required to respond to questions in order to clarify subject matter. Audio-Visual material is used to clarify our subject.

Assessment and Final Grade

Students have to pass a one-hour exam. They are given a choice of questions, they choose one, and they have to provide a concise response of no more than 70 words.

Course Requirements

Students have to be present in every course. A “presence” list is taken. And the requirements are as noted in the “assessment and final grade” heading above, as well as the “Methods of Instruction” heading above. Students actively discuss the subject matter in this course in order to understand and intellectually integrate what key words in US Civilization are all about.