North American Civilisation (Bachelor Year 3 / Spring)

Bachelor in Applied Foreign Languages (English) / Faculty of Liberal Arts

Introduction

In this course, we will focus on key aspects of socio-economic, political, and cultural developments in contemporary United States, from the late 20th century to the present day. We will cover various topics, including:
Religion in the U.S.
Diversity and multiculturalism
Politics, media influence, and culture wars
Political parties, recent elections, and political changes
Inequality, polarization, or the end of the American Dream?
Globalization, technology, and their impact on American society
Energy, climate change, and environmental history and movements in the U.S

Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to:
Understand key issues related to contemporary United States
Engage in critical reflection on current political, economic, cultural, and social dynamics, including the increasing inequality and polarization, and the interplay between politics, media, and culture.
Demonstrate their understanding through the composition of short essays on the topics studied in class.

Admission

Prerequisite

Prerequisites training

Minimum level of English B1.

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

A 2-hour weekly lecture for a total of 8 weeks, designed to encourage active interaction and open discussions.

Assessment and Final Grade

A 2-hour written exam is scheduled during the end-of-semester exam period. Students will be asked to write short analyses on 2-3 topics studied in class.

Course Requirements

Preparatory materials for each lecture will be accessible on the e-learning platform. Students are expected to dedicate 1-2 hours per week to review and prepare for the upcoming lecture.