

# 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](mailto: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.



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