

2024 / 2025 – ANGLICKÝ JAZYK

American Studies (3AM)

volitelný předmět

Délka trvání a hodinová dotace: Volitelný předmět je koncipován jako dvouletý, s dvouhodinovou dotací ve všech ročnících. Předmět je určen studentům maturitních ročníků – studentům

septim osmiletého studia programu EnglishfortheFuture a studentům **3. ročníků** čtyřletého gymnázia.

Zaměření a obsah:

This course offers a deep introduction to the history, culture, geography, politics and international influence (positive and negative) of the United States. It should provide students a solid basis to be successful in university courses and independent research on the USA, especially for the study of: history, politics, literature, music, journalism, and media studies.

Special focus will also be placed on academic research, writing, debate, and oral presentation skills. Students should leave the course with improved ability to participate in scholarly debates in English regarding US culture, as well as an enhanced ability understand and work with/against Americans in various situations.

Subjects covered and the emphasis devoted to each may be modified according to participants' interests.

Students will be evaluated (graded) according to class participation, short reviews (spoken or written) of subjects covered, and an independent year-long research project of the student's own choosing (5-10 pages). Emphasis in evaluation if the research project will be on developing students' research and writing skills.

Content: (open to change according to the interests of the class)

- American history
- The political system
- Film and media and its relation to literature and history
- Music
- Religious diversity
- The immigrant experience (free and unfree)
- Ethnic diversity and conflict
- Linguistic development
- Regional differences, geography, and understanding diverse accents
- Holidays and cultural events
- Gender issues
- Food
- American relations with and influence on the world

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