

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Susanne Rohr
Thema	Introduction to American Literature and Culture [AA-E2, ENG-2, AA3, LAA3, LAA16]
Art der Veranstaltung	Seminar 1a
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-538
Zeit	2st, Do. 12-14 (+ 2Std. Übung)
Raum	Ü35-01047
Beginn	19.10.2017

In this seminar we will discuss the question of how to deal with literature from a scholarly perspective. Our guiding question will be: What are the tools necessary for a professional analysis of literature? The seminar will thus provide an introduction to the methodological and theoretical fundamentals of textual analysis. In dialogue with the accompanying lecture course on “History of American Literature,” this semester taught by Prof. Kucharzewski, that is part of the module, the specific interpretation of texts from different eras of American literary history will be practiced. In our discussion of the three traditional genres, prose, poetry and drama, we will focus on basic textual structures, such as the narrative perspective, character development, spacio-temporal setting etc. The basic premises of literary research and documentation (“wissenschaftliches Arbeiten”) will also be introduced.

The seminar is accompanied by two mandatory **tutorials**, taught by advanced students, Naomi Boye and Paul Kollmer. Both tutorials will take place on **Friday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, either in room (02019 - Boye) or (02090 - Kollmer). Thus, the entire module consists of three parts: this seminar, the tutorial, and the lecture course, all of which are obligatory.

Course Requirements

- **Regular participation (no more than two absences)**
- **Writing Exercises (*Studienleistung*)**
- **Midterm paper and final exam (*Prüfungsleistung*)**

Studienleistung

- You have to write a single paragraph (no more than 250 words) on one of the literary texts that you have to prepare for a session
- You will be given specific writing tasks and exercises for each session
- The task descriptions will be uploaded to AGORA in due time

Midterm Paper

- Ca. 8.000 characters (without spaces) or 1.500 words
- The papers can be based on one or more of your writing exercises

Prüfungsleistung

Midterm Paper: December 7, 2017; ca. 4 pages
30% of final grade

Final Exam: February 1st, 2018, 12:00 p.m. s.t.-2:00 p.m. s.t., i.e. 120 minutes (location tba)
50% of final grade

Oral Participation (seminar + tutorial):
20% of final grade