

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Astrid Böger
Thema	History of American Literature [AA3, LAA3, LAA16, IAA12, IAA14, SLM-WB, SG]
Art der Veranstaltung	Vorlesung
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-529
Zeit	Di, 14-16 Uhr
Raum	Ü35-00002
Beginn	18.10.22

Course Description:

The overall aim of this lecture course is to provide beginning students with a survey of American literature from its beginnings to the present. Organized in roughly chronological fashion, each lecture will discuss the most important authors and texts of a given period along with some lesser known ones. Literature as we understand it is a primary field of cultural formation, and by studying it closely we will gain insights into America's cultural and historical development starting with the earliest, namely indigenous (Native American) stories about the creation of the world, and continuing with the Puritan experiment of creating a perfect society in the New World. The American struggle for Independence eventually achieved in 1776 was followed by the consolidation of the nation during the Early Republic, which gave rise to new literary forms. Once we enter the 19th century we will become acquainted with Romanticism, Realism, and Naturalism as different ways of dealing with a vastly changing social, cultural, and natural environments. In the latter part of the lecture course we will approach the 20th century and thus modernism and postmodernism before we finally turn to the present by getting to know today's literary scene in the United States of America as represented by some of its major literary voices.

Course Requirements:

Regular attendance and a 'Studienleistung' due at the end of the lecture course (details will be discussed at the beginning of the semester).

Recommended Reading:

Any literary history would make for great accompanying reading, though we especially recommend Hubert Zapf's *Amerikanische Literaturgeschichte* (Metzler, 2010) available in our library.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit	Di 16-17:00 Uhr u. nach Vereinbarung per E-Mail
Sprechstunden während der vorlesungsfreien Zeit	Genaue Termine werden noch bekannt gegeben