

Introduction to American Literature and Culture (AA3, LAA3, LAA16, IAA12, IAA14)

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Thurs. 12-14

(plus 2 hr. tutorial)

Room: Ü35-01054

Course Description:

In this course students will be introduced to primary texts from the U.S. literary canon as well as to the most significant concepts in the area of literary studies. We will proceed chronologically from the beginnings of U.S. literature during the colonial period on through to the present and explore the ways key concepts in literary studies can better help us understand the primary texts. We will also focus on practical aspects of reading, research and citation. The goal for students is to learn to work independently and creatively with literature and to develop a critical perspective on past and present literary developments.

Course Requirements:

Regular attendance of seminar and tutorial, short presentation and successful completion of a final examination

Course Readings:

Please purchase: Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*; other course readings will be uploaded onto the university website