

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Jan D. Kucharzewski
Thema	„A History of American Literature“ [AA-E2, ENG-2,AA3, LAA3, AA-W, SLM-WB]
Art der Veranstaltung	Vorlesung
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-529
Zeit	2st, Mi. 14-16 Uhr
Raum	Phil B
Beginn	15.10.2014

This lecture offers a survey of American literature from its beginnings in the 17th century to its contemporary manifestations. We will move chronologically through the history of American letters starting with the arrival of the Puritan settlers in the early 1600s and will subsequently cover the major periods, works, and writers in American literature from Edgar Allan Poe to Paul Auster, from Washington Irving to Toni Morrison, from Benjamin Franklin to Jonathan Franzen, from Emily Dickinson to Thomas Pynchon. The individual presentations will focus each on a single period or a specific corpus of works. Using a variety of media ranging from texts to paintings, songs to films, American literature in all its facets and variations will be brought to life.

Course Requirements

A reader with the most important texts and excerpts covered in the lecture will be made available at the beginning of the term. Students are expected to have read the required texts for each session since the lecture will not consist of plot summaries. **In order to receive credits for this lecture, students will have to pass two multiple choice quizzes (mid-term and finale) that cover the contents of the lecture.**

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Dienstags 15-16 Uhr
Sprechstunden während der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	Einzeltermine; siehe Webseiten des Institutes