

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Astrid Böger
Thema	Key Concepts – A Survey of American Literature and Culture (Cultural History) AA-A3, ENG-7, ENG-7a, AA11, LAA10, LAA11, LAA12, LAA13
Art der Veranstaltung	Vorlesung
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-532
Zeit	Di 16-18
Raum	Phil G
Beginn	13.10.2015

Course Description:

The aim of this lecture course is to provide students with a survey of American cultural history from the Colonial Period roughly to the early 20th century. We will start by considering early conceptualizations of America mostly by Europeans, then turn to images of Native Americans, before we will explore the Puritan perspective on the 'New World'. Next, religious formations such as Millennialism and the Great Awakening will be considered, before we make it to the Revolutionary Period and the Early Republic and, in their wake, the related ideologies of Expansionism and Manifest Destiny. American Transcendentalism as the foremost intellectual liberation movement of the mid-19th century will be highlighted, as well as women's position in American society. Slavery, the American Civil War and the period of Reconstruction following it will be our focus toward the end of the course, before we consider the situation of the so-called 'Gilded Age' with its concomitant social problems prompted by mass immigration, urbanization, and industrialization.

Course Requirements:

Regular attendance. The lecture will be given in English.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit	Mo 14-15 Uhr u. nach Vereinbarung
Sprechstunden während der vorlesungsfreien Zeit	Genaue Termine werden noch bekannt gegeben (s. Aushang und Instituts-Webseite)