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UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA
FACULTY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



COURSE SYLLABUS
American Studies I

Course Credits and Hours: 4 ects/; 20 lectures, 20 seminars;
Year/term: III Year/ Semester I
Course type: Compulsory
Curricular Course: Bachelor in British and American Studies
Code of Ethics: University of Tirana Code of Ethics (Articles 4, 6, 7, 9)

SUMMARY AND LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course is an introduction to the cultural values of the United States, the various aspects of life, and the institutions people are involved in. Through the course, students discover what people in the United States believe in, how their beliefs and values have been shaped to make up the American character, and how these values and beliefs are present in aspects of life like Religion, Family, Education, Business, Government, and more.

General Objectives: The main objective of this course is to equip students with cultural knowledge and understanding of the United States as part of their intercultural and communication skills focus. This objective can best be achieved by learning how to critically analyze and evaluate the aspects of culture the course focuses on.

Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course (both modules I and II), students should be able to:

- *identify* American culture elements in texts, news, events, social media posts, encounters with people from the United States;
- *discuss* about current American topics in the light of traditional American values;
- *analyze* social issues in American culture and how they challenge the traditional American values;
- *write* and *present* about American culture topics based on their understanding of the values and principles that constitute the foundations of this culture.