

UNIVERSITY OF KRAGUJEVAC	
Faculty of Philology and Arts, Kragujevac	
S Y L L A B U S	
Program	56: English Language and Literature
Course Name and Code	Introduction to American Studies 62243
Course Structure (lectures, seminars)	lectures and seminars (2+2)
Year of Study	II
Semester	3
ECTS Credits and Course Status (mandatory or elective)	5, mandatory
Instructor(s)	Tomislav Pavlović Phd, / Jovana Pavićević Phd
Course Requirements	-
Course Aims	The students will be introduced with many of the methodological and epistemological issues of the interdisciplinary field of American Studies. They will obtain an insight into American political and cultural traditions along with the forms of its social life. They will be given the opportunity to develop the ability of creative reading, critical thinking, and accurate interpretation of respective texts.
Course Overview	<p>The course will provide the overview of American history from its colonial beginnings to the present. Besides, it will deal with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American political system, legal system, education and economy; • A wide variety of popular culture forms, including music, film, theatre, the visual arts and television • war and anti-war culture in American society • the role of media in contemporary society • the American South • American ethnic and racial identities <p>The course examines these themes through historical writings and literature: L.M.Silko, Arthur Miller, Toni Morrison, F.S.Fitzgerald, Helena Maria Viramontes, Maxine Hong Kingston, W. Faulkner, TennesseeWilliams</p>
Grading System (including segment	Lectures – class attendance and participation: 5%

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Textbooks and Mandatory Reading	<p><i>Introducing American Studies, A Reader</i>, compiled by Dr Radmila Nastic, FILUM, Kragujevac, 2007 (Theoretical and critical texts) - skripta + Additional Teacher's Material.</p> <p><i>Introducing American Studies – Selection of Texts</i>, selected by Dr Radmila Nastic, FILUM, Kragujevac, 2007 (original texts) – skripta</p> <p>Goldfield, D. et al., eds, <i>The American Journey, A History of the United States, Volumes I and II</i>, Prentice Hall, Nj, 2002.</p> <p>Handouts</p>