# COURSE DETAIL

| US HISTORY, 1776-PRESENT IN A TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVE |
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| **Country**<br>Netherlands |
| **Host Institution**<br>Utrecht University |
| **Program(s)**<br>Utrecht University |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>History |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>117 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>US HISTORY, 1776-PRESENT IN A TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVE |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>US HIST 1776-PRESNT |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>6.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>4.00 |

**Course Description**
This course studies the history of the United States from a transatlantic perspective. Rather than offering an comprehensive overview, the aim is to examine a number of historical moments and themes in which American history deviated from, or joined with, that of the Western World. From the perspective of comparative and global history the United States has been described as just “a nation among nations.” However, its history has also been designated as exceptional and a model of modernity for others to follow or reject, by Americans and Europeans alike. This course looks at these debates by examining a number of themes that seem specific to the US but can be understood from a transatlantic perspective. Examples are the American Revolution and Constitution, the history of the “peculiar institution” of slavery and its civil rights legacy, the liberal market economy that started with industrialization along the models of Fordism and Taylorism, the American creation of a post-war liberal world order, and the American political system with its constitutional debates around such topics as gun rights, crime and capital punishment, and the separation of church and state.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
GE3V19001

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**Host Institution Campus**
Humanities

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

History and Art History

**Course Last Reviewed**

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