COURSE DETAIL

US HISTORY, 1776-PRESENT IN A TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVE

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Utrecht University

Program(s)
Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
117

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
US HISTORY, 1776-PRESENT IN A TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVE

UCEAP Transcript Title
US HIST 1776-PRESNT

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
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 Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History and Art History

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