

COURSE DETAIL

AN AMERICAN CENTURY? AMERICA IN THE WORLD SINCE 1898

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Leiden University College

Program(s)

Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

100

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AN AMERICAN CENTURY? AMERICA IN THE WORLD SINCE 1898

UCEAP Transcript Title

AMERICA SINCE 1898

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course surveys the United States' interactions with the world in what Luce (and others) called the “American century”. Starting with the US emergence as an imperial power at the turn of the twentieth century, it traces the evolution of American foreign relations through the First World War, the Great Depression, the Second World War, and the Cold War. It considers how the United States came to rise to its present position of power within the international system, and how the exercise of American power (military, political, economic, and cultural) in turn came to transform the lives of millions. Throughout the course, key themes in American international history are touched upon, such as isolationism, the “new world orders” proposed by Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, the emergence of the Cold War, and subsequent challenges to American hegemony, from Vietnam to Iraq. The course also considers the different ways that historians have evaluated and interpreted the history of American foreign relations. The course relies heavily on the use of primary sources, which students are asked to incorporate both in their class readings and in their written work. It also features an archive excursion.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

World Politics

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