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Lecture course 4: Modern and Contemporary Literature (American) (2AN1466)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

Prof. Patrick Vincent

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An overview of American (United States) literature from the first explorers to today, this lecture will test the idea of an American literary canon and of a representative American self against a variety of fictional and non-fictional texts. "Classical" American literary history was constructed around an exceptionalist idea of America derived from Puritan culture that has increasingly been contested in the academy. We will see how this genealogy was formed, and why the opening of the canon to historically underrepresented voices has challenged it. Readings have been chosen from the Norton anthology and other sources based on their relevance to the themes of the lecture. In addition to the texts, students will be expected to acquire a basic knowledge of American history and geography for the exam.

Forme de l'évaluation

- Ex. 030': thirty-minute oral exam during the exam session based on an individualized reading list selected from the course reading. A hand-out explaining the exam will be distributed at the beginning of the semester.
- 2 short, unmarked multiple-choice type quizzes during the semester to test your understanding of the material and prepare you for the exam.

In the event of another pandemic or unforeseen event, the course will be pursued online.

Modalités de rattrapage

In case of a fail, the oral exam can be re-taken once during the following exam session.

Documentation

The Norton Anthology of American Literature, short edition
F.Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

These texts and all other material will be placed on Moodle

Pré-requis

successful completion of the first-year literature module is strongly recommended

Forme de l'enseignement

Lecture with in-class discussion