**Course descriptor**

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| Title of the course | **US History** |
| Title of the Academic Programme  | Bachelor in History |
| Type of the course | Elective |
| Prerequisites | English language skills, B2  |
| ECTS workload | 5 |
| Total indicative study hours | Directed Study | Self-directed study  | Total |
| 76 | 114 | 190 |
| Course Overview | The main purpose of this course is to develop and consolidate skills in professional knowledge in English by discussing topics which are relevant for modern and current history of the United States. During the course, students will discuss the main aspects of political, economic, social and cultural history and participate in discussions of the topics covered in the presentations. The students are expected to learn and use the professional terminology, develop argumentation skills, make themselves familiar with the works of leading Russian and American scholars and important issues in world historiography. During the discussions students will have to demonstrate their understanding of particular historical issues, use the newly learned professional terms in English and express and defend a position on a particular issue.  |
| Indicative Course Content | Unit 1. American colonial historyUnit 2. Revolutionary War and the foundation of the USA.Unit 3. Discovery of the America, 1800-1861.Unit 4. The Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861-1877Unit 5. The Industrial Development, 1877-1900.Unit 6. Progressivism. US in WW I.Unit 7.Great Depression and “New Deal”Unit 8.US in WW II.Unit 9.American Society during the Cold War.Unit 10.US Current History, 1993-2015. |
| Teaching and Learning Methods | The course consists of lectures (38 hours) and seminars (38 hours).  |
| Indicative Assessment Methods and Strategy | Students’ progress (accumulated grade) will be measured by: homeworks (40%), test (30%), seminar work (30%). A final grade is graded according to exam (50%) and a accumulated grade (50%) |
| Readings / Indicative Learning Resources | Mandatory: 1. Согрин В.В.Центральные проблемы истории США.М.,2013
2. Стоун О., Кузник П. Нерасказанная история США. М.,2015
3. Римини Н. Краткая история США. М.,2016.

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