
ÉVA MATHEY_COURSES TAUGHT

BA COURSES

AN13000BA and AN18008BA American Civilization

This seminar course is designed to improve first-year students' language skills through acquainting them with some of the core topics of American civilization, including geography and regionalism, government, basic political concepts, politics and the Constitution, society, national holidays, and everyday life. Special emphasis will also be put on certain aspects of American English. Students will be graded on the strength of their class performance, an individual short lecture, short written assignments (response papers, text summary, etc.) and in-class tests (short tests and an end-term test).

AN23004BA History of the United States of America

These parallel seminars are designed to serve as a basic introduction for English majors to the history of the United States of America. Please note that this course will, as it should, serve as the basis for all subsequent American Studies courses. Topics for discussion will range from the relations between England and her North American colonies and the War of Independence through the Civil War and the two world wars to the post-cold war era. Domestic and foreign affairs as well as social and cultural issues will be addressed in an attempt to help the students prepare for the in-class final exam.

AN23005BA American Culture and Institutions

This is a survey course, which serves as the foundation for all subsequent courses in American studies. Besides revisiting topics already encountered in the first-year language course titled "American Civilization," the seminar provides opportunities for more in-depth analysis of American politics, regional identity, society, race relations, immigration, religion, myths, sports, media, and other topical issues of American life. Students will be graded on the strength of their class performance, individual short lectures, performance in the group debate and in-class tests.

AN33001BA, ANL33001 & AN1070MA Introduction to American Studies

These lectures offer a general overview of the most significant aspects, general and specific, of American culture and provide a conceptual as well as theoretical framework for further study and research. Topics for discussion include: the concept and major areas of American Studies as a field of inquiry, questions of inter-and multi-disciplinarity and methodology; institutional history: major "paradigm moments" shaped by the double forces of social change and change in theory; major themes in American cultural history; cultural stability; American beliefs and values, myths and ideologies; the multicultural challenge in America past and present; regionalism; American religions; women in US history; legal and illegal immigration, and so on. These lectures also introduce alternative approaches to the "single culture" approach by expanding the scope of inquiry to include issues of ethnicity, race, gender, class, region, religion and ideology. Video materials will be used extensively to illustrate certain key ideas and points.

AN33002BA and ANL3302BA Hungarian-American Relations

This lecture course offers insights into an often neglected aspect of both American and Hungarian history: the various links and ties between the two countries. The study of cultural, political, and economic contacts will be supplemented with a detailed look at Americans of Hungarian descent. We will examine the evolution of the American image of Hungary and the Hungarian image of America through primary and secondary sources, and make an attempt to strike a balance between images and reality.

AN33005BA Dilemmas of American Democracy-Past and Present

In this 3-credit seminar history and political science will be brought together for the purpose of discussing the theoretical and practical ramifications and dilemmas of democracy, the most vaunted political ideal of the American republic. The historical and theoretical issues explored will include the consideration of the pertinent philosophical works of Tocqueville and the Federalists, criteria of democracy (free elections, the secret ballot, a multiparty system, etc.), the origins and the nature of representative democracy, constitutionalism, the major documents of American democracy, the system of checks and balances, majority rule, interests groups, influence over legislative and executive decision-making, the protection of minority rights, democracy versus the social class system, ideological priorities, pragmatism, as well as discrepancies between the theory and practice of democracy. In view of the fact that the American social system is widely considered "the best possible regimes of all," a close analysis of the American democratic tradition will also serve as a basis for case studies. Thus, using democracy as a political concept, we will also examine the characteristic examples of the manifestations of democracy taken from the domestic (e.g. human rights issues, civil liberties, particular court cases, national security) and foreign policy of the USA, both past and present.

AN33004 History of the American Women

Inspired by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich's statement: "Well-behaved women seldom make history," the course aims to study the role women played in American history and will address the diverse ways some outstanding American women, against the odds of the rigid political, social and intellectual environment, could contribute to change and shape women's life in America. In a historical perspective the course will be organized around a variety of topics including the struggle to gain civil rights and legal/constitutional recognition, the changing notion of gender roles in the public and private spheres, the evolution of feminism in the US, the impact of race and socio-economic status on women's experience, the turning points and successes of women's emancipation, and the politics of the representation of the American woman. Applying a variety of the methods and approaches students will read and analyze miscellaneous study materials. Besides primary and secondary sources, other forms of historical documentation, films, documentaries, etc. will also be used to enhance students' understanding of America women's history and facilitate their critical oversight and appreciation for the contribution of women who made America.

AN33010 Debating America

The course aims to introduce students to the art of effective public speaking and help them develop sophistication and eloquence in debate culture. In a series of competitive in-class debates on pre-approved and research-based topics students will have the chance

- to learn important rhetorical, constructive, rebuttal and cross-examination strategies

- to practice effective forms of argumentation (claim, warrant, evidence, counter-claim)
- to master verbal and non-verbal delivery skills (organization, projection, inflection, body language)
- to develop analytical and critical thinking and advocacy skills
- to learn how to delegate and work in teams
- to learn to appreciate the value of teamwork.

AN357 19th-century Hungarian Travelogues of America, 1830-1865

In this seminar Hungarian travel accounts written on the U.S. by prominent 19th-century Hungarian travelers between 1830 and 1861 will serve as the major focus of attention. Works of Sándor Farkas Bölöni (Journey to North America), Ágoston Haraszthy (Journey to North America), János Xantus (Letters from North America), Ferenc and Teresa Pulcszky (White, Red, Black: Sketches of the Society in the U.S. during the Visit of Their Guests), among others, will be consulted with the purpose of studying the major images these Hungarians had about 19th-century America. This set of images of the U.S. as the best possible democracy in the world, the country with the most perfect liberal political and social institutions, the Promised Land and the Land of Freedom, etc. will be measured against the social and political realities of the United States in the respective period.

AN 33400 Advanced American Civilization

Building upon the introductory-level knowledge acquired by all English majors in the American Culture and Institution course in their previous studies, this seminar sets out to further deepen students' understanding of various aspects of American culture and civilization. Topics are tailored to provide an up-to-date survey of various current issues that shape the United States as a global economic, political and military superpower in the early 21st century.

AN20105BA Translating News II

As the continuation and extension of Translating News I, this 3-credit seminar course offers a broadened insight into the world and the language of the various genres and forms of the media, both print and broadcast. While focus will be on the various genres and forms of the news (editorials, columns, dailies, news magazines, tabloid, etc.), topics for discussion will also be tailored according to topics including politics, business, finances, foreign affairs, sports, etc. Some retailored course book units and exercises will be complemented with selected pieces of current news based on the topics on the agenda. The seminar will help students develop their language skills through translating current news items, and media products primarily from English to Hungarian. Special attention will be paid to the development of students' advanced vocabulary (specific terms, collocations, idioms) and their understanding of the idiosyncrasies of media language. Translation projects, reading-writing and summarizing exercises both from English to Hungarian and Hungarian to English will further enhance students' translating skills. The course will also involve real or simulated hands-on practice to be organized on a project basis, setting up quasi editorial teams, with the course instructor supervising translated works with the scrutiny of the editor-in-chief. Several other in-class exercises and projects (i.e. 'breaking news,' or a press conference project) will help students master the practical skills and the art of interpretation.

Szakmai gyakorlat 1-2

The aim of this course is to provide an opportunity for students to use the translation skills acquired during previous seminars of the program in real-life situations. While students work on the translations of various texts, besides applying what they have learnt before, they also acquire skills necessary for coordinating translation projects, proofreading, editing, meeting deadlines, etc. In order to accomplish the assignments, students will work both individually and in project teams and are expected to use online databases, term banks, and various translation tools.

The details of this semester's translation projects will be discussed during orientation.

AN25001BA/ANL25001BA Introduction to the World of Business

This lecture course has been designed to offer a basic introduction for students into the world of business by providing insights into the varied aspects of business life, its basic concepts, organization, objectives, functions as well as the surrounding environment. By covering a variety of topics, the objective of the course is to provide a fundamental working knowledge of terminology that prepares students for future studies in more specialized topics. The course serves as a prerequisite to "Introduction to the World of Business II." The lectures of the instructors will be complemented with presentations by guest lecturers (if available) and the discussion of case studies.

BTAN25010BA Skills in Business English: Listening and Speaking in Business English

This course offers an insight into a specific field of Professional English, and will help students to gain appropriate knowledge of the English language used in business and economics. By offering authentic study materials, real business life context in the classroom, this seminar will allow students to master the basic language and concept of business and economics, and will also help students to develop their comprehension of business texts, their speaking and listening skills in a number of professional and occupational contexts. The course intends to prepare students for prospective jobs and positions, thus help them meet the growing demands from various occupational sectors. Topics on the agenda will include the most important areas of business and economics, such as management, production, marketing, human resources, finances, business law, etc.

AN10001BA/AN18001BA/ANL10001BA Skills Development: Reading and Speaking

This course is designed to develop students' reading ability and oral communication skills in English to prepare them for the English Yardstick Exam (EYE). Students will be introduced to a variety of authentic texts, including, for example, newspaper and magazine articles, film or book reviews and other sources to help them develop essential reading skills such as prediction, reading for the general idea, reading for specific and detailed information, understanding text organization, reference, inference, and deducing meaning from context, and thus, become more efficient readers. Classes will be organized around a major topic, to which various texts and complementary exercises will be assigned. Vocabulary building as appropriate to the topics of the sessions also forms an integral part of the course to help students to develop their oral communications skills. Therefore, each topic will also be explored through language games, role-plays, discussion activities and individual presentations.

MA COURSES

AN3010MA06 Progress and Change in American Society in the Interwar Period

While traditional values still characterized the decades between the world wars, besides traditional sentiments there existed an increasing appeal to the modern: advances in science, psychoanalysis, new technology, consumerism, mass entertainment, etc. found themselves in sharp and distinctive contrast with the genteel social patterns and traditions of the previous decades manifesting a major clash of values. Social and economic prosperity was in the full bloom when the decade was suddenly brought to a brutal end by the Great Depression. The rise and fall of American society, the social, political, economic dimensions of progress and change will be the focus of the seminar. Topics for discussion will include changes of social behaviour, new life styles, immigration, minority issues, consumerism, Fordism, and social and economic reforms: the New Deal.

AN3026MA Introduction to the Profession of American Studies

This course is designed to provide students – coming in some cases with undergraduate degrees in various fields other than English – with an introduction to the field of American Studies and in particular the nuts and bolts of the practice of this profession. After some review of the emergence and history of American Studies as a discipline, situating it in a broader academic context, as well as examining its most recent developments, the course will focus on a variety of practical issues, ranging from research methodology, American Studies in Hungary, Europe and around the world with special attention to major organizations, research centers, conferences, reference literature and other important print and online resources. Topics including academic English, formulating and developing a thesis, researching a topic using traditional and online techniques, the mechanics of documentation, and avoiding plagiarism will be discussed.

BTAN3024MA American History and Political Culture in the 19th century

This series of lectures will deal with the political and social history of the United States during the 19th-century. This period between the Second War of Independence and the Progressive Era brought about major political, social and economic transformations in the US including a massive population growth, a territorial expansion from East to West, industrial revolutions, high-scale urbanization; sectional conflicts tearing the nation apart, and New Immigration. The lecture will address these topics in details, with special focus on the questions of race relations, gender, women's rights, sectionalism and immigration. A separate lecture will discuss the status and history of Native Americans in the 19th-century

As a foundation to next semester in-depth studies of the phenomena of postcolonialism, nation formation, and multiculturalism, an additional lecture on Australia in the colonial period will survey the rise of nationalism and its discontents (from white "invasion" until WWI), focusing on settlement/invasion, exclusion/segregation/assimilation, and colonial status/republicanism/monarchy. This lecture aims to provide an alternative to the North American patterns of development in race relations, governance, and societal values.

AN3028MA American History and Political Culture in the 20th century

In this class (formally a lecture, but it will require class work) we take a close look at the United States, Canada and Australia in the 20th century, with a special focus on United States in history of what many call the American Century. In the first half of the course we will do an in-depth survey of US history, then two classes each will be devoted to Canada and Australia.

ANL1813MA / ANL1050MA Teaching Contemporary American Culture

This seminar is designed to provide students with an up-to-date view on American culture, society, myths and values as they are reflected (and sometimes challenged) in literature and everyday life. The course is divided into two sections, one focusing on American literature, the other on American civilization. Both parts examine the roots of contemporary American culture and the different responses to the changing cultural, political and social landscape. Another goal of the course is to offer various methods, practical advice and materials for students (high school teachers) for the teaching of American culture and literature in Hungarian high schools.

The final grade for the course will be a cumulative one comprising the results of the civilization and literature sections.

TTIS_HUNG_CULT1 Introduction to Hungarian Culture I

This course is designed to offer incoming foreign students a basic overview of Hungarian culture, politics, and history. It will help students develop a better understanding of life and possible challenges in Hungary. A basic introduction will be followed by overviews of Hungarian geography, politics, and society. The course also covers the major turning points in Hungarian history and provides tips on everyday life in Hungary and Debrecen.

TTIS_HUNG_CULT2 Introduction to Hungarian Culture I

This optional course is designed to offer incoming foreign students an insight into Hungarian culture, traditions, politics, and history through various cultural products including short documentaries, films, as well as the first-hand experience of artifacts of Hungarian culture (i.e. paintings, music, museum exhibits, etc.). It will help students develop a better understanding of life and culture in Hungary.