

Historia literatury amerykańskiej - History of American Literature

The main objective of the course is to review the main epochs in the history of American literature from the Colonial Period to Post-modernism. Each literary period will be reviewed for its characteristic features, the main elements of the cultural paradigm dominating at a particular time, its main genres and conventions. In each case we shall discuss the main writers and their selected works will be presented in their cultural and literary contexts in order to present their place in the history of American literature.

The course offers students an occasion to learn basic general knowledge of American literature as well as a more detailed insight into selected literary texts and their relevant cultural contexts. Classes provide an opportunity to develop interpretative skills and learn basic analytical tools.

Students performance will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Written exam – 50%

Tests – 25%

Presentations in class – 25%