

COURSE DESCRIPTION

STATE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN WLOCLAWEK

Course: British and American Culture

Field of study:			English Philology				
Unit supervising the course:			Institute of Humanities				
Course orientation:			Practical				
Language of instruction:			English				
Course type:			Principal				
Course status:			Compulsory				
Level: BA			Year: I		Semester: 1, 2		
The number of teaching hours on the full-time programme:							
Total	lecture	classes	laboratory	Projects	tutorials	seminars	practicum
30		30					
The number of teaching hours on the part-time programme:							
Total	lecture	classes	laboratory	Projects	tutorials	seminars	practicum
Learning outcomes:			Knowledge: the knowledge which students acquire comprises all aspects of life in English – speaking countries: political, economical, social and cultural.				

	<p>Skills:</p> <p>Students acquire knowledge of the life in English speaking countries which then can be applied in a practical way. It will enable students to understand different aspects of life in these countries, draw simple conclusions and analyze events and processes which occur in these countries. Students will then be able to apply their knowledge in their further studies and during their stay abroad.</p> <p>The course aims to provide the students with the knowledge necessary to understand the people who live in these countries, their everyday life, lifestyle and work and ways of spending free time. Then they will be able to apply this knowledge in their further studies, at work, travel and during their stay in English – speaking countries. They also gain basic knowledge of terminology necessary for their future study of literature and culture of English – speaking countries..</p> <p>Social competence:</p> <p>The course will enable the students to apply their knowledge in interactions with the citizens of English– speaking countries, adapt to local customs and tradition and understand cultural differences. If they stay longer in English– speaking countries they may develop habits and respect customs which prevail in these country. They will also be able to act as advisors, mediators and interpreters for the Poles who live in these countries.</p>
<p>Full description of the course:</p>	<p>The course consists of two parts. In the first part different aspects of life in Great Britain are discussed – geography, administrative division, political system, parliament, the system of law, executive power, the Monarchy, the relations between the UK and other countries, and the internal relations between the UK countries, a very short presentation of the Commonwealth and Canada and Australia, the economic system, the system of education, highbrow culture and popular culture, everyday life and ethnic minorities. In the second part, which is devoted to the USA, the following issues are discussed: geography, administrative division, political division and division of power, the main documents in the history of the country, the role of the USA in the world, economy, the system of education, popular and highbrow culture, the influence of American culture on the world culture, Indian culture, ethnical problems technological inventions and innovation in the USA, eminent Americans from all walks of life. Polish – British and Polish – American relations.</p>
<p>Methods:</p>	<p>.Type of the course: class.</p> <p>Students prepare for classes reading the prescribed books, they do</p>

	multimedia projects and present them in the classroom.				
Student workload/ECTS credits:	Forms of activity	Average number of hours to complete the activity			
		Full-time studies		Part-time studies	
		L	AF/...	L	AF/...
	Number of hours with the participation of an academic teacher		30		
	Hours without the participation of an academic teacher:		25		
	1. Preparation for classes, including studying the recommended literature		10		
	2. Processing of the results/ preparation for the exam, tests, other		10		
	3. Preparation of a report, presentation, discussion		5		
	Total		55		
	Total number of ECTS points for the method of classes		2		
Total number of ECTS points for the course	2				
The type and mode of obtaining the credit and marking criteria or requirements:					
	The mode: Oral examination.				

	<p>Basic assessment criteria: Students are required to participate actively in class discussion, pass mid-term tests and prepare 20–30 min. long individual or group multimedia presentations.</p>
Literature:	<p>Prescribed reading:</p> <p>Bromhead Peter <i>Life in Modern Britain</i> Harlow: Longman, 1993. Coleman David <i>The British Population: Patterns, Trends, and Processes</i> Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992.</p> <p>Crowther Jonathan, Kavanagh Kathryn <i>Oxford Guide to British and American Culture for Learners of English</i> Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. Marion Geddes <i>About Britain</i> London: Macmillan Publishers, 1988.</p> <p>Harvey Paul, Jones Rodri <i>Britain explored</i> Edinburgh Gate: Longman, 2002.</p> <p>Lamentowski Ludwik <i>Here is Britain : An English Reader</i> Łódź: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, 1991.</p> <p>Lipoński Wojciech <i>Dzieje kultury brytyjskiej</i> Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, 2004.</p> <p>McDowall David <i>Britain in Close-up</i> Edinburgh Gate: Longman, 2003.</p> <p>Recommended reading:</p> <p>Abercrombie Nicholas, Warde Alan <i>Contemporary British Society: a New Introduction to Sociology</i>. Cambridge: Polity Press, 1996. Mauk David, Oakland John <i>American Civilization: An Introduction</i> London - New York: Routledge, 2002.</p> <p>Wilma S. Ross, <i>Fabulous Facts about the 50 States</i> illustrations: Bill Cummings; maps: Frank Ronan. New York : Scholastic Book Services, 1976.</p> <p>Sheerin Susan, Seath Jonathan, White Gillian <i>Spotlight on Britain</i> Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1990.</p> <p>Walzer Michael <i>What it Means to be an American</i> New York: Marsilio, 1992. <i>An Outline of American Economics</i> United States Information Agency, 1992. <i>An Outline of American Geography</i> United States Information Agency, 1992. <i>An Outline of American Government</i> United States Information Agency, 1992. <i>An Outline of American History</i> United States Information Agency, 1992. Magazines, websites</p>
Course instructor: Piotr Gołembiewski, M.A.	

