

Course Description				
Course Title	Cultural history of English-speaking countries I			
Course Type	Compulsory	Recommended Year/Semester of Study		I/1
Course Length	1 semest.	Per week	1/1	ECTS 2
Length (Further Specifications)				
Method of Assessment	Final Test	Form of Delivery		Lecture/ Seminar
Course Requirements	To receive credits students must have a minimum of 70% attendance and pass a final written test (70%).			
Lecturer	PhDr. Miroslav Jindra			
Course Overview	<p><u>Objectives:</u> Students will gain a general overview of the cultural development of English-speaking countries, particularly the UK and USA, based on input on their social and political development and reliable geographical orientation.</p> <p><u>Topics:</u> 1. The British Isles before the arrival of Anglo-Saxons. Anglo-Saxon period. 2. The Norman conquest. English Middle Ages and its end (overseas discoveries). 3. The Elizabethan era and its culture. 4. England before the Bourgeois revolution and after it.(17th and 18th century). 5. The American Revolution. 6. The English industrial revolution and its socio-political and cultural implications - The British Empire and Victorian period. 7. The American Civil War: its causes, course and consequences. 8. Great Britain and the USA in the First and Second World War. 9. Post-war development of Great Britain and the USA. 10. Notable personalities of British literature. 11. Notable personalities of American literature. 12. Notable personalities of British music and visual arts. 13. Important personalities of the American musical and artistic culture.</p> For the purposes of checking student's knowledge, students will be required to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the history and cultural development of the United Kingdom and the USA. They then apply their theoretical knowledge to teaching practice.			
Course Reading List	<p><u>Compulsory:</u> Supportive materials offered as handouts in the class and/or stored in the <i>AKCENT College</i> information system.</p> <p><u>Recommended:</u> <i>Longman Dictionary of English Language and Culture</i>. Harlow, 1992. UK Information Guide (<i>see Internet</i>) or any standard short history of England/United Kingdom/Great Britain Robert V, Remini, A Short History of the United States (HarperCollins Publishers 2008) or any standard short history of the U.S.A. History of the U. S. A. (until the War of Independence – an online history of the USA), www.usahistory.info American History Timeline 1780-2010, www.animatedatlas.com/timeline.html</p>			