

USA 101/Introduction to US Studies

1 course unit

This course serves an introduction to United States Studies minor. The interdisciplinary minor in US Studies explores the United States and its place in the world. Without losing sight of the inner workings of American society, the emphasis is on connections between Americans and other peoples. This section of US Studies 101 focuses on the study of “American” literatures through a central lens of what makes a literature, an individual, or a culture “American.” This course will approach a variety of works in their aesthetic, cultural, and political contexts. Through the central question, “What is American Literature?” we will focus on literary representations of exile, immigration, revolution, renaissance and other shaping forces on cultural and national identities. Chief among our goals for the course will be to dedicate attention to literary devices, traditions, and approaches to the writing of both “culture” and “Self.”

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USA 301 Core Seminar on Global America

1 course unit

An interdisciplinary examination of American society and culture in historical and international perspective. Admission by permission of the instructor. Topics vary by instructor.

USA 370/US Studies Topic Course

1 course unit

This course serves as a topic class for the United States Studies minor. The interdisciplinary minor in US Studies explores the United States and its place in the world. Without losing sight of the inner workings of American society, the emphasis is on connections between Americans and other peoples. US 370 provides instructors with a course in which to explore different aspects of the discipline, fulfilling the goal of interdisciplinarity that defines TCNJ’s US Studies minor. Since the disciplinary home of the instructor will vary, the course content for each section will also differ. However, each section will incorporate some or all of the goals of the US Studies minor.

USA 401/HIS 498 Honors Thesis I

1 course unit

An interdisciplinary examination of America society and culture for students who qualify for the Honors Program.

USA 402/HIS 394 Honors Thesis II

1 course unit

Second semester of an interdisciplinary examination of America society and culture for students who qualify for the Honors Program.