Appendix No. 1.5 to the Resolution No. 7/2023 of the Rector of the University of Rzeszów

**SYLLABUS**

**regarding the qualification cycle FROM 2023 TO 2026**

**ACADEMIC YEAR: 2024/2025**

1. Basic Course/Module Information

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| Course/Module title | Civilisation of English-Speaking Countries (USA) |
| Faculty (name of the unit offering the field of study) | Faculty of Humanities  |
| Name of the unit running the course | Department of English Studies |
| Field of study | English Studies |
| Qualification level  | BA level |
| Profile | General academic  |
| Study mode | Full-time studies |
| Year and semester of studies | 1st year / 2nd semester |
| Course type | major |
| Language of instruction | English |
| Coordinator | dr hab. prof. UR Małgorzata Martynuska |
| Course instructor | dr hab. prof. UR Małgorzata Martynuska / dr Anna Dziama |

\* - as agreed at the faculty

1.1.Learning format – number of hours and ECTS credits

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| Semester(n0.) | Lectures | Classes | Colloquia | Lab classes | Seminars | Practical classes | Internships | others | **ECTS credits**  |
| 2 |  | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |

1.2. Course delivery methods

- conducted in a traditional way

1.3. Course/Module assessment (exam, pass with a grade, pass without a grade)

pass with a grade

2. Prerequisites

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| knowledge of english at least at upper-intermediate level |

3. Objectives, Learning Outcomes, Course Content, and Instructional Methods

3.1. Course/Module objectives

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| O1 | 1. Learning aspects of history, social life, politics and culture in the USA.
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| O2 | 1. Presenting American geography.
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| O3 | 1. Presenting political institutions in the USA.
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| O4 | 1. Interesting students with Anglo-Saxon culture
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| O5 | 1. Improving language fluency.
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3.2. Course/Module Learning Outcomes (to be completed by the coordinator)

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| Learning Outcome | The description of the learning outcome defined for the course/module | Relation to the degree programme outcomes |
| LO\_01 | The graduate knows terminology in the field of culture studies. | K\_W01 |
| LO\_02 | The graduate understands developments and achievements of American culture and research methods e.g. how to analyse presidential elections.  | K\_W06 |
| LO\_03 | The graduate analyses and makes judgements concerning political and legal systems in the USA. | K\_U04 |
| LO\_04 | The graduate has research skills allowing him/her a critical assessment of his/her knowledge and conducting discussions on socio-political issues.  | K\_K01 |
| LO\_05 | The graduate is able to use his/her knowledge and the opinions of experts to solve problems. | K\_K02 |

**3.3. Course content (to be completed by the coordinator)**

1. Classes, tutorials/seminars, colloquia, laboratories, practical classes

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| Content outline |
| American national symbols |
| American geography |
| Immigration and multiculturalism |
| Education in the USA |
| American holidays |
| American constitution and civil rights |
| Federal and state powers |
| Legislative branch of the government – American Congress |
| Executive branch of the government – American president |
| Judicial branch of the government – American courts |
| Political parties and Elections |
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3.4. Methods of Instruction

Classes: a multimedia presentation, case study, discussion, practical project

4. Assessment techniques and criteria

4.1 Methods of evaluating learning outcomes

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| Learning outcome | Methods of assessment of learning outcomes (e.g. test, oral exam, written exam, project, report, observation during classes) | Learning format (lectures, classes,…) |
| LO-01 | Test | classes |
| LO-o2 | Test | classes |
| LO-o3 | Test | classes |
| LO-o4 | observation | classes |
| LO-o5 | observation | classes |

4.2 Course assessment criteria

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|  Presence at classes and passing two tests

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| grades | % marks |
| bdb (A) | 95-100 |
| plus dobry (B) | 86-94 |
| Dobry (C) | 80-85 |
| plus dostateczny (D) | 70-79 |
| Dostateczny (E) | 60-69 |
| Niedostateczny (F) | 0-59 |

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5. Total student workload needed to achieve the intended learning outcomes

– number of hours and ECTS credits

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| Activity | Number of hours |
| Scheduled course contact hours | 30 |
| Other contact hours involving the teacher (consultation hours, examinations) | 4 |
| Non-contact hours - student's own work (preparation for classes or examinations, projects, etc.) | 26 |
| Total number of hours | 60 |
| Total number of ECTS credits | 2 |

\* One ECTS point corresponds to 25-30 hours of total student workload

6. Internships related to the course/module

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| Number of hours | *none* |
| Internship regulations and procedures | *none* |

7. Instructional materials

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| Compulsory literature:**Oakland, J and D. Mauk.** 2009. *American Civilization: Introduction.* New York: Routledge. (ch. I, II, IV, V, VII, X).**Diniejko, A.** 2005. *English-Speaking Countries. Introduction to The United States of America*. Kraków: EGIS (ch. I, II, III, VI).**Stevenson, D. K**. 1997. *American Life and Institutions*. Stuttgart: Ernst Klett Verlag.Lester, D. and I. David. 1991. “America’s National Symbols” [in:] *American Studies Newsletter* (September ) pp. 29-33. |
| Complementary literature: **Jurczyński, T.** 1995. *Dictionary of the USA*. Warszawa: WSiP.**Kirn, Elaine**. 1989. About the USA. Washington D.C.: The United States Department of State.***Oxford Guide to British and American Culture*.** 2010. Oxford University Press. **ZOOM in on America**. Online magazine. Selected articles. <https://www.usinfo.pl/zoom/>**The U.S. Constitution**<https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/the-constitution/>**A Short Guide to American Political System**<http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/Americanpoliticalsystem.html#Parties>**The Waves of Immigration to the USA**<https://www.preceden.com/timelines/29989-waves-of-immigration-in-america><https://sites.google.com/site/paulcunneen/home/us-history-1/immigrationunitoutline/4-waves-of-immigration> |

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