

Course Title	United States Culture and Language MIC102USA-1; MIC102USA-2		Instructor(s)	Rebecca Schmidt
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Class Style	Lecture		Office Hours	Mondays 2.00 pm-5.00 pm Other times by appointment (please email) You may email questions anytime
Track	N/A		Mode of Instruction	Solo
Credits	2		Allocated Year	2023
Active Learning	Critical thinking; Cross-cultural understanding; Groupwork; Journal writing		Compulsory or Elective	Elective
Course Overview	This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of American culture and language.. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and real-life experiences, students will gain valuable insights into The United States' rich heritage, traditions, people, and society.			
Course Objectives	<p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of American culture, including history, geography, population and culture, famous and influential people, holidays, places, food, and entertainment. 2. Improve 4 English language skills of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. 3. Encourage critical thinking and cross-cultural understanding. 			
Prerequisite				
Course Schedule	No	Contents	Homework	
	1	Introduction to US Culture	Reading: Intro: "What is Culture"	
	2	Introduction to US Culture	Reading: Unit 1: "From Sea to Shining Sea" Reading Unit 3: "Bright lights, Big Cities"	
	3	American History	Reading: Unit 2: "The Original 13 Colonies" Reading Unit 5: "Columbus and the New World"	
	4	American History	Reading Unit 6: "Native Americans"	
	5	American History	Reading Unit 7: "The USA is Born"	
	6	Geography	Reading Unit 4: "Alaska and Hawaii" Reading Unit 9 "The Wild West"	
	7	Geography	Reading Unit 17: "The Grand Canyon"	
	8	Significant Cities and Places	Reading Unit 12: "Washington DC" Reading Unit 14: "Motor City"	
	9	Significant Cities and Places	Reading Unit 15: "Hollywood" Reading Unit 18: "Silicon Valley"	
	10	Society and People	Reading Unit 10: "The American Century" Reading Unit 11: "We the People"	
	11	Famous People	Reading Unit 8: "Abraham Lincoln"	
	12	Famous People	Reading Unit 13: "Martin Luther King Jr"	
	13	Food	Reading Unit 16: "Burgers and Fries"	
14	Holidays	Reading Unit 19: "American Holidays"		

	15	Present Day	Reading Unit 20: "The USA in the 21 st Century"
Grading	<p>Class participation and engagement: 15%</p> <p>Homework assignments: 30%</p> <p>Journal Entries: 15%</p> <p>Quizzes: 20%</p> <p>Final project or presentation: 20%</p>		
Textbooks	<p><i>Introduction to United States Culture</i> by Eric J. Miller (ISBN: 9781530715725) is a low intermediate textbook for English language classes—both EFL and ESL. The textbook introduces students to many essential components of US culture and provides an interesting variety of activities for active participation in the classroom. Tasks in this book cover the four language skills—reading, writing, listening, and speaking. <i>Introduction to United States Culture</i> features units related to geography, history, holidays, food, entertainment, famous personalities, and more. Each unit contains images and questions that prepare students for learning about the topic. Reading passages are supported by comprehension questions and vocabulary tasks. Each unit ends with an activity designed to get students exploring the unit topic further. Many of the activities encourage cross-cultural exchange. While learning about American culture, students will also consider similar aspects of their own cultures. Independent users can also easily use and enjoy these interesting and thought-provoking contents about United States culture.</p>		
References	<p>CEFR Practical Resources Page https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/practical-resources</p>		
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