

BASIC COURSE OUTLINE  
Semester II 2010/2011

SUBJECT : AMERICAN CULTURE & LITERATURE I  
PROGRAM : ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE  
CREDIT : 2  
STATUS : COMPULSORY

I. Aim and Description

The course is designed to offer students with general information about United States of America. The information covers people, geography, history, national celebrations, government, economy, education, religion, arts, and media. In the end of the semester, the students are expected to understand and be able to explain the subjects under study.

II. Organization of Teaching/Learning Activities

This syllabus and the course orientation are given in the first session. The subjects of this course will be taught through class discussions. The students are expected to participate in the discussions. After mid test, the students are divided into several groups, each of which is required to present one chosen topic of discussion.

III. Progression of the Course

WEEK	TOPIC
1	Introduction
2	People
3	Geography
4	History (1)
5	History (2)
6	National celebrations
7	Government

8	Mid Test
9	Economy (1)
10	Economy (2)
11	Education (1)
12	Education (2)
13	Religion
14	Arts
15	Media
16	Review

IV. Assessment:

Final Test	: 30 %
Mid Test	: 30 %
Presentation/Tasks	: 30 %
Attendance	: 10 %

The students are required to fulfill at least 75% of the total meetings.

V. Reference

Garwood, Christopher, et. al. 2000. *Aspects of Britain and the USA*.  
Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Henretta, James A., et al. 1993. *America's History*. New York: Worth  
Publishers.

Clark, George, et al., eds. *Portrait of the USA*.

Some additional information from other sources.