

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Law

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNUPb006		Name: American Political History	
Cover: Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 1/1 For term of study: ZS 23,23/,24			Study grade: Bachelor
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
2.year WT	Law (XDŠBc-PR) Law (XEŠBc-PR-23)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination			
Continuous evaluation: Final evaluation: Final assessment: The course will be completed by a written exam in the form of a test. The test consists of 10 questions with four options each and one open-ended question. The questions will be based on the required study materials as well as the lectures and seminars of the course American Political History. For the test questions, the student indicates for each proposed option whether the statement is “true” or “false.” For the open-ended question, the student provides a written answer of approximately one page (A4). In the test section, the student can obtain a maximum of 40 points, and 10 points for the open-ended question. The grading scale is as follows: A = 50–46 points; B = 45–42 points; C = 41–38 points; D = 37–34 points; E = 33–30 points; FX = 29–0 points (fail). Finished: By exam.			
Learning outcomes: By completing the course students will gain: - basic overview in the political history of the United States; - information about important personalities and works about political history of the United States; - knowledge about functioning and structure of the state authorities; - ability to better understand current affairs in the American society.			
Schedule of subject: The course American Political History is an elective course designed to stimulate students’ interest in and deepen their contextual understanding of the political history of the United States. The teaching process places particular emphasis on the discussion of specific primary sources (excerpts from scholarly works, historical documents, audio recordings, and film footage) closely related to the topic under examination. Brief Course Outline: 1. Introduction. 2. The American Revolution. 3. The Federalists and the Anti-Federalists. 4. Abraham Lincoln and the Question of Slavery. 5. Alexis de Tocqueville: A French Observer of American Society. 6. The Policy of Isolationism and Its Overcoming. 7. Rosa Parks and the Value of Equality. 8. The Vietnam War. 9. The Watergate Scandal. 10. Democrats vs. Republicans. 11. The Supreme Court of the United States. 12. American Society.			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: JOHNSON, P. Dějiny amerického národa. Praha: LEDA, 2014. Other recommended literature: BROGAN, H. Alexis de Tocqueville. Prorok demokracie ve věku revoluce. Brno: Centrum pro studium demokracie a kultury (CDK), 2011. DOSTÁL, M. Dějiny Nejvyššího soudu Spojených států. Praha: AV ČR – Ústav státu a práva, 2020. KUKLÍK, J. – SELTENREICH, R. Dějiny angloamerického práva. 2nd ed. Praha: Leges, 2011. KUKLÍK, J. Poodhalené tváře anglického práva. Plzeň: Vydavatelství a nakladatelství Aleš Čeněk, 2013. TINDALL, G. B. – SHI, D. E. Dějiny Spojených států amerických. Praha: Nakladatelství Lidové noviny, 1998. TOCQUEVILLE, A. d. Demokracie v Americe. Voznice: LEDA, 2012.			

Language requirements: Slovak

Notes:

Student's workload: 75 hours

Combined study (P, C, K): 24 hours

Preparation for seminars, exam preparation, and study of materials in Moodle (self-study): 51 hours

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 123

A	B	C	D	E	FX
33%	28%	17%	11%	4%	7%

Lecturers:

JUDr. Jakub Neumann, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor

Date of last change: 01.09.2026

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