

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNUPb007		Name: American Political History	
Cover: Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/0 For term of study: LS 60/,24 Method of educational activity: Combined		Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: ST Study grade: Bachelor
Recommended semester	Study programme		
2.year ST	Law (XDŠBc-PR)		
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: After completing the course American Political History, the student will be able to identify and explain key political events in the history of the United States of America and critically evaluate the positive and negative aspects of the American political system. The student will be able to name and assess the significance of selected figures and works that have influenced the political development of the USA, explain and discuss the importance of the Constitution of the United States of America, and clarify the process of its adoption. The student will be capable of interpreting current events in American society within broader contexts.			
Schedule of subject: The course American Political History is an elective subject aimed at stimulating interest in and deepening a contextual understanding of the political history of the United States. Each topic will also be presented to students through primary sources closely related to the issue under discussion (e.g., excerpts from works, historical documents, recordings/film footage). Brief course outline: 1. Introduction. 2. The American Revolution. 3. (Anti-)Federalists. 4. Abraham Lincoln and the issue 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 Affair. 10. Democrats vs. Republicans. 11. The Supreme Court of the United States. 12. America in the grip of conspiracy theories.			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: JOHNSON, P. A History of the American People. New York: Harper Collins, 1998, 1088 p. LEPORE, J. These Truths: A History of the United States. New York, Norton Company, 2026, 960 p. LEPORE, J. We the People: A History of the American Constitution. London: John Murray, 2025, 720 p. TOCQUEVILLE, A. d. Democracy in America: And Two Essays on America. London: Penguin Classics, 2003, 992 p.			
Language requirements: English			
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: 0					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lecturers: JUDr. Jakub Neumann, PhD., lecturer, examiner					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
Approved by: prof. PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Gábris, PhD., LL.M., MA					