

General Information			
Course name	Institutions of the USA	ECTS Credits	4
		Semester	summer
Aims			
This is a graduate course designed to examine political institutions in contemporary America.			
Contents			
Session 1 (February 20). -Key documents and concepts -Checks and Balances Session 2 (March 20). -Political parties and elections -Foreign relations Session 3 (May 15). -Domestic relations -Test -Final discussion			
Evaluation			
Class participation – 20% - Test – 30% - Course exam (Final Discussion) – 50%			
The final grade for the course will be based on the following grading scale: A 100-93% B 92-86% C 85-78% D 77-72% E 71-65% FX 64% and less			
Cheating and/or plagiarism will result in an automatic FX for the course and a memo to the Head of the Department explaining why the FX was awarded.			
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