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| **General Information** | | | |
| **Course name** | Institutions of the USA | **ECTS Credits** | **4** |
| **Semester** | **summer** |
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| **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: A100-93% B92-86% C85-78% D77-72% E71-65% 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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