Course unit **Descriptor**





| Timosophy | |
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| GENERAL INFORMATION | |
| Study program in which the course unit is offered | English Studies |
| Course unit title | Inter-American Literature |
| Course unit code | 15EM020 |
| Type of course unit ¹ | compulsory |
| Level of course unit ² | Master's |
| Field of Study (please see ISCED ³) | Literature and Linguistics |
| Semester when the course unit is offered | winter |
| Year of study (if applicable) | |
| Number of ECTS allocated | 5 |
| Name of lecturer/lecturers | Dr Aleksandra Izgarjan |
| Name of contact person | Dr Aleksandra Izgarjan |
| Mode of course unit delivery ⁴ | Face to face |
| Course unit pre-requisites (e.g. level of language | |

PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max 5-10 sentences)

The objective of the course is to develop intercultural competence and to enable students to discuss literary works from different American contexts. It explores diversity of Inter-American literature, intertextuality and parallel development of literary forms, narrative strategy, motifs and structures which are typical for Inter-American literature.

LEARNING OUTCOMES (knowledge and skills)

required, etc)

¹ Compulsory, optional

² First, second or third cycle (Bachelor, Master's, Doctoral)
³ ISCED-F 2013 - http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Documents/isced-f-detailed-field-descriptions-en.pdf (page 54)

⁴ Face-to-face, distance learning, etc.

Development of literary forms in Inter-American literature. Exploration of voices which have not been a part of the mainstream discourse and politics in American history because they problematize the perception of history and the category of personal and political/national identity.

SYLLABUS (outline and summary of topics)

LEARNING AND TEACHING (planned learning activities and teaching methods)

Descriptive and comparative method. close reading

REQUIRED READING

Borges, Jorge Luis, An Introduction to American Literature, Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 1974 Buchenau, Barbara and Marietta Messmer, "Intercultural Negotiations in the Americas and Beyond". Special issue of Comparative Literature and Culture Web 3.2, 2001

Fitz, Earl E., Rediscovering the New World: Inter-American Literature in a Comparative Context, University of Iowa Press, 1991

Hagenbüchle, Roland and Josef Raab (eds.), Negotiations of America's National Identity, Tübingen: Stauffenburg, 2000 Raab Josef and Martin Butler (eds.), Hybrid Americas: Contacts, Contrasts, and Confluences in New World Literatures and Cultures. Inter-American Perspectives / Perspectivas Interamericanas, Bilingual Review Press, 2008

ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA

Written exam (50%), oral exam (50%)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English