

B.A. PROGRAM (weekday)
American Studies Center, University of Warsaw
Detailed curriculum for BA students entering the ASC in 2024/2025

Semester 1

Course	Type of class ¹ /number of hours						Total	ECTS Points	Grading	Research related course	Humanities/ Social Sciences	
	L	E	S	Sec.	L	Int.					H	S
History of the United States I	30						30	4	Exam		H	S
Social Geography of the United States	30						30	4	Exam		H	S
United States Government	30						30	4	Exam			S
American Society	30						30	4	Exam			S
Audiovisual Culture and Media in the United States	30						30	4	Exam		H	S
American History and Society				30			30	4	Final grade	R	H	S
Academic Writing I				30			30	5	Final grade	R	H	S
BHP Occupational Health and Safety(online)	4						4	0,5	Pass			
POWI (Intellectual Property Protection)	4						4	0,5	Pass			

Total: 210 hours (plus POWI and BHP) 30 ECTS

Semester 2

Course	Type of class/number of hours						Total	ECTS Points	Grading	Research related course	Humanities/ Social Sciences	
	L	E	S	Sect.	L	Int.					H	S
History of the United States II	30						30	4	Exam		H	S
United States and the World	30						30	4	Exam			S
Political Culture in the US	30						30	4	Exam			S
History of American Cinema	30						30	4	Exam		H	
Migrations, Race and Ethnicity in the United States	30						30	4	Exam			S
Academic Writing II				30			30	5	Final grade	R	H	S
Elective Course		30					30	5	Final grade	R	H	S
Physical Education				30			30	0	Pass			

Total: 240 hours 30 ECTS

¹ L-lecture, E-elective course, S-seminar, Sect. – sections, L- lab , Int. - internship

Semester 3

Course	Type of class/number of hours						Total	ECTS Points	Grading	Research related course	Humanities/ Social Sciences
	L	E	S	Sect.	L	Int.					
American Literature I	30						30	4	Exam		H
American Literature I				30			30	4	Final grade	R	H
Introduction to American Studies	30						30	4	Exam	R	H S
History of American Philosophy	30						30	4	Exam		H
Elective Course		30					30	5	Final grade	R	H S
Elective Course		30					30	5	Final grade	R	H S
Foreign Language 1						60	60	2	Final grade		H
Information Technologies				30			30	2	Final grade	R	
Physical Education				30			30	0	Pass		

Total: 300 godz. 30 ECTS

Semester 4

Course	Type of class/number of hours						Total	ECTS Points	Grading	Research related course	Humanities/ Social Sciences
	L	E	S	Sect.	L	Int.					
American Literature II	30						30	4	Written exam		H
American Literature II				30			30	4	Final grade	R	H
Intercultural Communication				30			30	4	Final grade		S
Economy of the United States	30						30	4	Written exam		S
Key Methods in American Studies				30			30	4	Final grade	R	H S
Elective Course		30					30	5	Final grade	R	H S
Foreign Language 2						60	60	2	Final grade		H
OGUN	X	X					X	3	Final grade		
Physical Education				30			30	0	Pass		

Total: 270 hours (plus OGUN) 30 ECTS

Semester 5

Course	Type of class/number of hours						Total	ECTS Points	Grading	Research related course	Humanities/ Social Sciences	
	E	S	Sect.	L	Int.	L						
Proseminar				30			30	5	Final grade	R	H	S
History of American Art	30						30	5	Written exam	R	H	
Elective Course		30					30	5	Final grade	R	H	S
Elective Course		30					30	5	Final grade	R	H	S
Elective Course		30					30	5	Final grade	R	H	S
Foreign Language 3						60	60	2	Final grade		H	
OGUN	X	X					X	3	Final grade			

Total: 210 hours (plus OGUN) 30 ECTS

Semester 6

Course	Type of class/number of hours						Total	ECTS Points	Grading	Research related course	Humanities/ Social Sciences	
	W	K	S	C	L	Pr						
Elective Course		30					30	5	Final grade	R	H	S
Elective Course		30					30	5	Final grade	R	H	S
Foreign Language 4					60		60	2	Final grade		H	
English Language Certification Exam min. C1 or Foreign Language Certification Exam B2							X	2	Exam		H	
American Studies Colloquia (OZN)	50						50	3	Final grade	R	H	S
OGUN	X	X					X	3	Final grade			
B.A. Seminar			30				30	10	Pass	R	H	S

Total: 200 hours (plus OGUN) 30 ECTS

Total ECTS: 180

EXPLANATIONS:

- All **grades** and credits are **reported** and recognized **at the end of each academic year**. The total of ECTS points required in two semesters is 60. It means that even though some students fail their exams in the winter exam session, they should submit the request for conditional pass, or repeating the year (in case of the 3rd year) only after they secure all the grades for the classes required in the summer semester.
- Students are required to get credit for the **Health and Safety in the Workplace** course (**BHP**) and **Intellectual Property Protection (POWI)** or submit a document certifying the completion of such courses at their earlier study programs at the University (if they have any).

- All courses in the program are assigned to two main areas: **Humanities (H)** and **Social Sciences (S)**. They are visible in the table above.
- **Elective courses (9 altogether)** start in the second semester of the program. Students pick them according to their interests. However, each student is obliged to complete at least **2 electives from each group**. It means, 2 electives from Humanities (H) and 2 electives from Social Sciences (S) + the remaining 5 from any group. Courses are marked H or S in USOS before registration. Some are classified as belonging to both groups H and S (H/S)
- **Foreign Language Classes** start in the second year. Students have to secure **4 semesters** of language classes (4 x 60 hours/semester) in the language other than English. They can be taken earlier (eg. in the first year) but have to be reported in accordance with the program: two at the end of the second year and two at the end of the third year of studies.
- **Language Certification Exam** can be taken at any point of studies but no later than the end of the sixth semester. Moreover, there is no correlation between the foreign language taken and the exam. It means, a student may learn one foreign language during the studies and pass a B2 Certification exam in another, eg. the one a student learnt in high school. The Exam can be also taken in English at the minimum level C1.
- **Physical Education** classes start in the second semester of the first year. Students may take them earlier but cannot leave their passing till further in the studies. By the end of the first year students should report taking and passing one Physical Education class and two more by the end of the second year of studies.
- **OGUN** classes can be attended at any point in the studies but they must be reported in accordance with the program requirements. It means each student has to report **min 3 ECTS points for OGUN at the end of the fourth semester and another 6 ECTS points at the end of the sixth semester**. The total ECTS requirement for OGUN is 9 for BA studies. The number of courses taken to fulfill the requirement does not matter. Students may take one OGUN for 9 ECTS points or three OGUNs for 3 ECTS points.
- **OZN** points should be collected throughout the entire course of studies, yet, they are reported and recognized at the end of the sixth semester.