Dear Students!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you at the American Studies Center. The ASC was founded in 1976 as a research center. We have had MA students since 1992 and BAs since 2011. We hope that your studies with us will not only be an intellectual adventure for each of you but also a source of enjoyment and satisfaction.

The American Studies Center offers interdisciplinary perspectives on U.S. culture, politics and society. All courses are taught in English. Our classes deal with topics from literature to political science, film, the economy, history, and popular culture. The Center is a place of dynamic learning. We respect our students and listen to them. We believe that true understanding is reached in open dialogue, by confronting controversy and coming to one’s own conclusions. As a student, you will be exposed to many views on every issue, many readings of every text—it is up to you to come up with your own. Rather than forced to memorize endless facts, you will be asked—again and again—to read and think for yourself. In the process, you will find that many ideas you have taken for granted are up for debate.

Please visit and explore our website: www.asc.uw.edu.pl

* The curriculum can be found here: http://www.asc.uw.edu.pl/programs/ba_program/ba_detailed_curriculum.html
* The academic calendar can be found here: http://portalinformacyjny.uw.edu.pl/kalendarz-akademicki-20152016/
* Your plan of studies is here: http://www.asc.uw.edu.pl/programs/ba_program/ba_schedule.html

During the Fall semester you will be taking five lecture courses, academic writing class, an online workplace safety course (BHP) and Intellectual property course (POWI). Academic writing is taught in small sections.

Registration for obligatory lectures, POWI and Academic writing I by USOSweb takes place from 2015-09-02, 9 pm to 2015-09-09 11:59 pm (first round) and from 2015-09-21, 9 pm to 2015-10-09, 11:59 pm (additional round).

You have to log on to your individual USOSweb student account here: https://usosweb.uw.edu.pl/

To learn more about USOS please visit: http://usosownia.uw.edu.pl/

The workplace safety training (BHP) is an Internet lecture (4 hours) to be taken on the COME platform: http://kampus.come.uw.edu.pl/ To log in directly, Polish citizens use PESEL, foreigners use ID number and their IRK code. The intellectual property curse (POWI) is 4 hours long and is held at the ASC (time to be announced).

NOTE: Both BHP and POWI are obligatory – you must complete them in your first year of studies.

During your second semester you will take more lectures, physical education and one elective course. There will be more electives in subsequent years. You will register for them via USOSweb. Registration for physical education, foreign language and general education (OGUN) is through the TOKEN registration system. You have the option of taking these requirements now or later. SEE: http://www.wfisport.uw.edu.pl
Warsaw University students are obliged to set up and use university e-mail accounts (you@student.uw.edu.pl.) To do this please visit: http://google.uw.edu.pl

Students are obliged to sign contracts concerning fees for educational services by 8 October 2015.

If you need help please call or visit the student affairs office. It is open Monday-Thursday 10:00–14:00. If your last name starts with letters A–L, your contact person is Aleksandra Gniadzik-Smolińska (a.gniadzik-smolinska@wuw.edu.pl) tel. 22-5533321. If your last name starts with letters M–Ż, your contact person is Agnieszka Żmijewska-Czajka (a.czajka@uw.edu.pl) tel. 22-5533323. For questions concerning USOSweb, schedule and registration contact Lilia Ziemczonok (l.ziemczonok@uw.edu.pl) tel. 22-5533324.

Our office fax: 22-5533322; e-mail: asc@uw.edu.pl.

Your class counselor is dr hab. Agnieszka Graff - Osser. Please contact her if you need help or advice.

The ASC Director of Studies dr Sylwia Kuźma-Markowska has office hours on Monday 11.30 am - 1.30 pm. Before you come to see her, please use the appropriate form concerning your specific requests and leave it in the office. Email: s.kuzma@uw.edu.pl

INAUGURATION DAY (Obligatory) - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

The Inauguration Ceremony and orientation will take place in the Stary BUW lecture hall at, Krakowskie Przedmieście main campus on September 30, 2015, at 4.30 p.m. (Wednesday). THE INAUGURAL LECTURE WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND AFRICANA STUDIES AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE, PROF. KENNETH STIKKERS. There will be a meeting with the ASC Director, the Faculty, and Students.

After Inauguration Ceremony there will be also obligatory information session about student rights and responsibilities for newly admitted students.

The required Library training session will take place at the ASC (Al. Niepodległości 22) on 30th September (Wednesday).

Schedule:
12.00 – 13.00 – Library training, room 317 (3rd floor) – Group I (last names starting with A–J)
13.00 – 14.00 – Library training, room 317 (3rd floor) – Group II (last names starting with K–P)
14.00 – 15.00 – Library training, room 317 (3rd floor) – Group II (last names starting with R–Ż)

Please note: In addition to the ASC library training, you will also be required to complete library training in the main library (BUW) at Dobra 56/66. Please declare when you want to do this in the attached questionnaire and send it by email to biblioteka.osa@uw.edu.pl by September 25, 2015. If you have questions call the ASC Library (22-5533330).

You can also collect student ID cards on September 30th. You can do that in students affairs office in its opening hours.

We are looking forward to seeing you -

Prof. Bohdan Szklarski, Director ASC UW
dr Sylwia Kuźma-Markowska, Director of Studies ASC UW

Regular classes begin on October 1, 2015.
Attachment: library questionnaire, registration guide