

B.A. PROGRAM (weekday)
American Studies Center, University of Warsaw
Detailed curriculum for BA students entering the ASC in 2025/2026
Semester 1

Course	Type of class	Total number of hours	ECTS Points	Grading
History of the United States I	lecture	30	4	Exam
United States Government	lecture	30	4	Exam
American Society	lecture	30	4	Exam
Audiovisual Culture and Media in the United States	lecture	30	4	Exam
American History and Society	sections	30	4	Final grade
Academic Reading in Practice	sections	30	4	Final grade
Academic Writing I	sections	30	5	Final grade
BHP Occupational Health and Safety	lecture	4	0,5	Pass
POWI (Intellectual Property Protection)	lecture	4	0,5	Pass

Total: 210 h + POWI, BHP 30 ECTS
Semester 2

Course	Type of class	Total number of hours	ECTS Points	Grading
History of the United States II	lecture	30	4	Exam
American Philosophy	lecture	30	4	Exam
Parties and Political Behavior in the US	lecture	30	4	Exam
Migrations, Race and Ethnicity in the United States	lecture	30	4	Exam
Introduction to Cultural Studies	sections	30	4	Final grade
Academic Writing II	sections	30	5	Final grade
Elective	elective course	30	5	Final grade
Physical Education	sections	30	0	Pass

Total: 240 hours 30 ECTS

Semester 3

Course	Type of class	Total number of hours	ECTS Points	Grading
American Literature I	lecture	30	4	Exam
United States and the World	lecture	30	4	Exam
History of American Cinema	lecture	30	4	Exam
Introduction to American Studies	lecture	30	4	Exam
Elective	elective course	30	5	Final grade
Elective	elective course	30	5	Final grade
Foreign Language 1	language classes	60	2	Final grade
Information Technologies	sections	30	2	Final grade
Physical Education	sections	30	0	Pass

Total: 300 hours 30 ECTS

Semester 4

Course	Type of class	Total number of hours	ECTS Points	Grading
American Literature II	lecture	30	4	Written exam
American Literature	sections	30	4	Final grade
Economy of the United States	lecture	30	4	Written exam
Intercultural Communication	sections	30	4	Final grade
Introduction to Research in American Studies	sections	30	4	Final grade
Elective	elective course	30	5	Final grade
Foreign Language 2	language classes	60	2	Final grade
OGUN			3	Final grade
Physical Education	sections	30	0	Pass

Total: 270 h + OGUN 30 ECTS

Semester 5

Course	Type of class	Total number of hours	ECTS Points	Grading
Proseminar	sections	30	6	Final grade
History of American Art	lecture	30	4	Written exam
Elective	elective course	30	5	Final grade
Elective	elective course	30	5	Final grade
Elective	elective course	30	5	Final grade
Foreign Language 3	language classes	60	2	Final grade
OGUN			3	Final grade
Total:		210 h + OGUN	30 ECTS	

Semester 6

Course	Type of class	Total number of hours	ECTS Points	Grading
BA Seminar	sections	30	10	Pass
Elective	elective course	30	5	Final grade
Elective	elective course	30	5	Final grade
Foreign Language 4	language classes	60	2	Final grade
Language Certification Exam			2	Exam
American Studies Colloquia (OZN)		min. 50	3	Final grade
OGUN			3	Final grade
Total:		200 h + 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 (up to 20 ECTS points missing), or repeating the year (over 20 ECTS points missing or the 3rd year of studies) 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).
- **Elective courses (9 altogether)** start in the second semester of the program. Students pick them according to their interests. All electives are assigned either to Humanities (H) or Social Sciences (S), sometimes both. Students can see this in USOS before registration. It is important because 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.
- **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. Students usually sign up for both semesters of language in the fall registration. It means they join a group in October and stay in the same one for the spring semester. Changes are possible but they have to be arranged at a proper time. Students do not have to have 4 semesters of the same language, just four semesters of a foreign language other than English.
- **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. Both language classes and B2 Exam are restricted to languages other than English. The Certification Exam can also be 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. The earlier students start collecting them, the better. Our ASC website and social media provide information about offered events students may attend.



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