

American and British Studies. Comparative Approaches

The Master's Program *American and British Studies. Comparative Approaches* at New Bulgarian University is taught entirely in English. It offers courses on American and British literature, philosophy, history, anthropology, cultural studies, history of architecture, film studies, environmental studies. All the courses hold a comparative American-British perspective, thus provoking and stimulating a process of creative and enriching critical thinking. The Program's hallmark is the Training Conference: organized in the end of each semester and open to wide public, these academic conferences discuss various topics related to the program courses; the presenters are the students and the session chairs – the professors.

The Program aims at academic professionalism which can easily unfold on the PhD level later. Reviewed highly and enthusiastically by three US distinguished scholars in the field 15 years ago when it was initially offered, the Program has had students from Bulgaria, Greece, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Poland, Syria, Turkey, the Netherlands, Uzbekistan, and the United States.

Specialty and Professional Qualification: *Cultural Studies: Master's Degree in American and British Studies*

Program Completion: Defense of Master's Thesis

International Mobility: Erasmus Agreement with the University of Macerata, Italy

Competences: The Program's graduates are highly qualified in American and British Studies:

- *they have expertise in American and British history, cultural sociology, philosophy, literature and art history – on a comparative basis;
- *their critical thinking is well equipped and enables them to effectively do research and further on their scholarly advancement.

Professional Fulfillment: The Program's graduates can pursue an academic career on the PhD level, or have professional realization as teachers, journalists, translators, editors, as well as in the sphere of international relations.

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List of the Courses:

Semester One

MABM 101 *American Studies – Contemporary Aspects* (3 cr.)

Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 102 *British Studies – Contemporary Aspects* (3 cr.)

Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 103 *England in the Past and Present* (3 cr.)

Professor Roumen Genov

Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

MABM 202 *The American Dream as a Socio-Cultural Phenomenon* (3 cr.)

Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 209 *Contemporary US Architecture* (3 cr.)

Professor Dimitar Andreichin

MABM 220 *Democracy in the American and British Value Systems* (3 cr.)

Professor Roumen Genov

Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

MABM 220 *Philosophical and Aesthetical Concepts of Art in England and the United States*

Assoc. Professor Boyan Manchev

Ad hoc Free-Credit Courses

MABM 111 *Training Conference* (6 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva, Professor Roumen Genov

MABM 112 *Research Group: American Studies* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 113 *Perspectives of American Studies* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 114 *Perspectives of American Studies* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva, Professor Roumen Genov

MABM 115 *Perspectives of British Studies* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva, Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

MABM 116 *British Studies* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva, Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

Semester Two

MABM 105 *Contemporary American Anthropology* (3 cr.)
Assoc. Professor Evgeniya Blagoeva

MABM 106 *Genius Loci in American Literature* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 201 *The USA – from World Periphery to World Power* (3 cr.)
Professor Roumen Genov
Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

MABM 203 *Contemporary American Philosophy* (3 cr.)
Professor Alexander Gungov

MABM 217 *The I-Narrative in English and American Literature* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 230 *Contemporary Cultural Politics in the United Kingdom and the United States*
Assoc. Professor Boyan Manchev

MABM 233 *Ethnical History of America*
Assoc. Professor Evgeniya Blagoeva

Ad hoc Free-Credit Courses

MABM 211 *Training Conference* (6 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva, Professor Roumen Genov

MABM 212 *Research Group: British Studies* (3 cr.)
Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

MABM 213 *Perspectives of American Studies* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 214 *Perspectives of American Studies* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 215 *Perspectives of British Studies* (3 cr.)
Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

MABM 218 *British Studies* (3 cr.)
Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

Semester Three

MABM 229 *Modernism in British and American Literature* (3 cr.)
Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 232 *Everyday Culture and Life Styles in the United States and the United Kingdom* (3 cr.)

Assoc. Professor Evgeniya Blagoeva

MABM 207 *Postmodernism in American Literature* (3 cr.)

Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 224 *Hebrew Culture's Contribution to American Culture* (3 cr.)

Assoc. Professor Boris Naimushin

MABM 225 *Specifics of Communication in International Organizations: the United States and the United Kingdom* (3 cr.)

Assist. Professor Evelyn Hristova

MABM 226 *The Political Systems of the United States and the United Kingdom* (3 cr.)

Professor Roumen Genov

Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

MABM 227 *Reality and Literature in English and American Writing* (3 cr.)

Assoc. Professor Moris Fadel

Ad hoc Free-Credit Courses

MABM 311 *Training Conference* (6 cr.)

Professor Albena Bakratheva, Professor Roumen Genov

MABM 312 *Research Group: American and British Studies* (3 cr.)

Professor Roumen Genov

MABM 313 *Perspectives of American Studies* (3 cr.)

Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 314 *American Studies* (3 cr.)

Professor Albena Bakratheva

MABM 315 *Perspectives of British Studies* (3 cr.)

Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev

MABM 318 *British Studies* (3 cr.)
Assist. Professor Methodi Methodiev