

US TV SERIES

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Levels (B1) B2, C1, C2

American TV is highly influential in today's world, and TV series influence, reflect and distort American culture. This course will study TV series, their messages and their socio-cultural impact and importance.

Objectives

English communication and listening skills will be improved through lectures, and viewing and discussing TV series and excerpts of TV series. Watching TV series will familiarize students with different accents and everyday English. Students will gain further knowledge of American popular culture and TV and media-related vocabulary. Some of the central socio-cultural issues related to series, and television in general, will be discussed and debated.

Course Content

TV programs, topical articles from the press, as well as excerpts from academic texts, will inform students and give them subjects for discussion. A typical class will consist of screening, analysis, and discussion of TV shows and related issues.

Autonomy Work

Students will research, analyse, compare and contrast, and write a review of two US TV series.

Evaluation

Oral participation in discussions will be very important. Students will be asked to present and analyze a clip for discussion, and complete one or more written assignments.