

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

Some of the central socio-cultural issues related to series, and television in general, will be discussed and debated. Students will gain further knowledge of American popular culture and TV and media-related issues.

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.

Participation & Homework: 50 percent

It is important to take an active part in class discussions, to be present and to do any assigned readings.

Oral presentations: 20 percent

Studying TV series is important because media images reflect society, they can cause changes in society and individuals, and they can help people to construct their understandings of society.

Your project will be to analyze a TV series in an intellectual way. Working in small groups of two or three, you will give an oral presentation of 15-20 minutes on a relevant topic of your choice.

Research project (poster...): 20 percent

In groups of 3-5, students will analyze and research a TV series or related theme.

Reaction Papers: 10 percent

Students will write at least one reaction paper commenting on a theme, article or TV show studied in class.