

**Ambedkar University Delhi**

**Course Outline**

**Monsoon Semester (July-December 2017)**

<b>School:</b>	Undergraduate Studies			
<b>Programme with title:</b>	BA (Honours)			
<b>Semester to which offered: (I/ III/ V)</b>	III Semester			
<b>Course Title:</b>	American Literature			
<b>Credits:</b>	4 Credits			
<b>Course Code (new):</b>	SUS1EN247			
<b>Type of Course:</b>	Elective	yes	Cohort	BA (H) English
	Elective	yes	Cohort	BA (H) other than English

**For SUS only** (Mark an X for as many as appropriate):

1. Foundation (Compulsory)
2. Foundation (Elective)
3. Discipline (Compulsory)
4. Discipline (Elective) X
5. Elective: X

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**Pre-requisites:** None

**Aim:** The course explores the foundations of an identity of American literature independent of its European predecessors. It also seeks to sensitize the students towards the meaning of democracy and how it has evolved, suffered setbacks and often even been questioned in the nineteenth century in United States of America. By reading some literature produces during the period of American

Renaissance and some which came later, one seeks to understand the nature of evolution of the American identity and its relationship with major political events like the Civil War.

**Brief description of modules/ Main modules:**

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Ralph Waldo Emerson: "The American Scholar"

Edgar Allen Poe: "The Fall of the House of Usher"

Herman Melville: "Bartleby, the Scrivener"

Nathaniel Hawthorne: Introduction to *The House of the Seven Gables*, "Rappaccini's Daughter", "My Kinsman, Major Molineux" and "Young Goodman Brown"

Henry David Thoreau: "Civil Disobedience"

Frederick Douglass: Chapters 1-4, *Narrative of The Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*

Selections from Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*

Selections from Collected Poems of Emily Dickinson

Mark Twain: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

**Tentative Assessment schedule with details of weightage:**

S.No	Assessment	Date/period in which Assessment will take place	Weightage
1	In-class test	August End	10%
2	Mid Semester Exam	As per academic calendar	30%
3	Assignment/ Presentation	October	30%
4	End Semester Exam	As per academic calendar	30%