

## Evaluation report Spring 2021

# AMERICAN STUDIES

Study Programme: **American Studies**

Level: **BA/BA minor/MA**

Study Board: **English and American Studies**

Evaluation strategy for the education: **Midterm and final**

What specific courses does this summary include:

**BA level: American Literature after 1900, American Politics, American Business and the Rise of Capitalism, Themes in American Literature and Culture, Case studies in American History, The Deep State: Conspiracy Theories About Power, Evil, And Democracy**

**MA level: Communicating American Studies, Perspectives in American Studies, The Deep State: Conspiracy Theories About Power, Evil, And Democracy**

Positive examples for inspiration:

**While online teaching and physical distancing have been near-universally detested, students have responded positively to efforts by teachers seeking to create teaching situations furthering both social and academic elements. These include groupwork (though not everybody favours this particular activity), movie screenings, and direct student-teacher engagements**

Conditions that call for further follow-up:

**Most criticism has been directed towards Zoom and the pandemic, but large class sizes and course integration between different programmes are issues that we need to consider closer in the future.**

**Course evaluations are an important element in university teaching, and it is important that both teachers and students participate in a constructive way. Unfortunately, we see examples of a less constructive evaluation culture, in which students engage in harsh criticism against teaching staff. This criticism is mostly directed towards women. Head of Study will raise this issue with incoming students and ask teaching staff to discuss it with students before evaluation.**

Future initiatives based on the evaluations:

**See above**

Initiatives since the last evaluation: **None**