

I. Discipline Fundamentale (se alege una dintre cele 2 discipline):

1. TEORIA CULTURII; STUDII CULTURALE

1. Cultural Change and Socioeconomic Development
2. The Transformations of Religion in the Modern World
3. Culture and Nationalism
4. Cultural Aspects of Globalization
5. The Interpretive Theory of Culture

**Bibliography:**

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- Peter L. Berger, Samuel Huntington – *Many Globalizations. Cultural Diversity in the Contemporary World*, Oxford University Press, 2002
- Peter L. Berger, Grace Davie, Effie Fokas – *Religious America, Secular Europe. A Theme and Variation*, Routledge, 2016
- Clifford Geertz – *The Interpretation of Cultures*, Basic Books, 1973
- Ronald Inglehart, Christian Welzel – *Modernization, Cultural Change and Democracy. The Human Development Sequence*, Cambridge University Press, 2005
- Yael Tamir - *Why Nationalism*, Princeton University Press, 2019
- Charles Taylor – *A Secular Age*, The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2007

2. LITERATURA AMERICANĂ

1. Symbolic Vision and Allegory in the Nineteenth Century American Literature
2. Poetics and Poetic Achievements in the Nineteenth Century American Literature
3. Heroes and Anti-heroes in the American Fiction of the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Fitzgerald, Hemingway, Steinbeck
4. The American Century and Its Issues of Identity: Philip Roth and E.L. Doctorow.
5. "The literature of exhaustion" with John Barth and Thomas Pynchon

**Bibliography:**

- Geta Dumitriu, American Literature – the nineteenth century- *Literatura Americană – secolul al nouăsprezecelea* - Universitatea din Bucuresti, Facultatea de limbi si literaturi straine, Bucuresti, 1985
- The Penguin History of Literature – American Literature to 1900 – - Penguin Books, edited by Marcus Cunliffe
- American Literature – *The Makers and the Making* Vol. II, Cleanth Brooks, R.W.B. Lewis, Robert Penn Warren, New York

- The Columbia Companion to the Twentieth – Century American Short Story, Blanche H. Gelfant, Columbia University Press New York
- The Penguin History of Literature - American Literature since 1900 - Penguin Books, edited by Marcus Cunliffe
- Baym, Nina. - *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*, Norton & Company 2002.
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- Millard, Kenneth – *Contemporary American Fiction*, Oxford U. Press, 2000

**II. Discipline de specialitate (se alege una dintre cele 3 discipline):**

**1. IDENTITĂȚI CULTURALE**

- 1. Imagined Communities in post-World War II America: trauma, monuments, counter-monuments**
- 2. Hybridity and Multi-layered Cultural Identities**
- 3. Mixing Cultural Identities through Transracial Adoption: the American Melting Pot**

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- Nachbar J. & Lause K. – *Popular Culture: An Introductory Text*. Bowling Green State University Press, 1992.
- Storey, John – *An Introduction to Cultural Theory and Popular Culture*, The U. Of Georgia Press, 1997
- Marchand, R. – *Advertising the American Dream*. U. Of California Press, 1985

**2. CULTURA POPULARĂ AMERICANĂ**

- 1. American Popular Culture & Television. Encoding & Decoding Television Discourse. Television Talk in Famous Contemporary American TV Shows;**
- 2. American Popular Culture & Music. Youth & American Pop Music. Words & Music: Making Plain Talk Dance. American Pop Music Icons;**
- 3. American Popular Culture & Film. Visual Pleasure & Famous American Movies. Cultural Studies & American Film: *The Godfather* Effect.**

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- Storey, John (2003) *Cultural Studies and the Study of Popular Culture*. Edinburgh University Press
- Storey, John (1998) *An Introduction to Cultural Theory and Popular Culture*. Athens: University of Georgia Press.
- Strinati, D. (2004) *An Introduction to Theories of Popular Culture*. New York: Routledge

### 3. INSTITUȚII ȘI VIAȚA PUBLICĂ ÎN SUA

1. Local Government in the United States
2. State Government in the United States
3. Federal Government in the United States
4. The Affirmation and Development of Progressivism in American Education
5. Humanism in American Education

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- John H. Aldrich, *Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Parties in America*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995
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- Smith, L., Philip, (1980), *Sources of Progressive Thought in American Education*, Columbus Ohio.