

Методические указания по освоению дисциплины
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1. Цель дисциплины: Получить представление об истории, географии, государственном устройстве, культуре, быте, традициях народа, говорящего на изучаемом языке. Основываясь на концептуальных и культурологических типах информации о стране изучаемого языка, ее истории, социально-культурных особенностях, традициях и быте, проследить связь с лингвистикой в плане отражения в языке всего того, что относится к истории и культуре носителей данного языка. Сформировать у студентов знания социокультурных особенностей страны изучаемого языка.

2. Цель методических рекомендаций: обеспечить обучающемуся оптимальную организацию процесса освоения дисциплины.

Процесс освоения дисциплины включает посещение лекций, практических занятий по расписанию, самостоятельную работу обучающегося, а также прохождение текущего контроля знаний и промежуточной аттестации (сдача зачета и экзамена).

3. Методические указания по выполнению самостоятельной работы

Страноведение США является одной из обще-профессиональных дисциплин для студентов, изучающих английский язык как первый иностранный. Студенту необходимо осознавать, что он должен не только практически овладеть иностранным языком, его лингвистической системой, но и быть хорошо осведомленным в области культуроведческих знаний страны изучаемого языка. Это позволит ему гибко и мобильно ориентироваться в различных ситуациях межкультурного общения, знать культурные традиции, реалии, нормы и правила поведения, принятые в культуре другого народа.

Объект изучения состоит в ознакомлении с культурой страны изучаемого языка, ее историей и современной жизнью. Цель изучения дисциплины заключается в получении достоверных сведений о стране (США), понимании образа мыслей носителя языка, их отношении к миру, системы ценностных ориентаций и стереотипов поведения в тех или иных жизненных ситуациях.

Достижение цели обеспечивается решением ряда задач: формированием системы знаний об истории, географии, политике, экономике и культуре США с учетом будущей профессиональной деятельности; развитием умений в области использования страноведческой информации в переводческой практике. А также формированием системы знаний о возможностях использования страноведческой информации при установлении действенных межпредметных связей внутри профиля; формированием дискурсивной, социолингвистической и социокультурной компетентностей, необходимых бакалавру.

Курс предусматривает достаточно высокий уровень владения коммуникативной компетенцией и ее составляющими: лингвистической, социолингвистической и прагматической, которые формируются в процессе практического овладения иностранным языком. Студентам для овладения курсом необходимо:

- практическое владение языковыми и речевыми реалиями по изучаемой страноведческой тематике;
- владение и дальнейшее совершенствование умений различных видов чтения, позволяющих самостоятельно извлекать профессионально значимую информацию;
- практическое владение умениями основных видов речевой деятельности, создающих базу для развития умений и навыков создания вторичных текстов – реферирования,

аннотирования, краткого или детального изложения, что необходимо в будущей профессиональной деятельности;

- формирование профессионально значимых умений: вести полемику по социально-политической проблематике, критически воспринимать и компетентно оценивать события и явления общественной жизни, отстаивать свою позицию и находить компромисс в решении сложных проблем на изучаемом языке.

Контроль и оценка уровня сформированности умений осуществляется в ходе текущей и итоговой аттестации. В ходе текущей аттестации оценивается качество освоения содержания конкретных разделов. Для этого используется реферирование и конспектирование литературы, выступление на семинарских занятиях, тесты по основным разделам.

В ходе итоговой аттестации оценивается качество освоения системы знаний об истории, социальной, политической, экономической и культурной жизни США, умения на основе полученных знаний решать определенный класс предметных задач.

4. Оценочные средства для текущего контроля успеваемости, промежуточной аттестации по итогам освоения дисциплины

Фонд оценочных средств включает в себя тест множественного выбора по дисциплине (20 вопросов), банк тестовых заданий (233 незаконченных предложения), перечень тем для самостоятельного изучения, тематику рефератов, перечень вопросов к зачету.

Итоговый тест

Вопрос 1. (ОК-7)

Outlying areas of the USA do not include the whole territory of

Ответы

1. Puerto Rico
2. American Samoa
3. Guam
4. the Virgin Islands

Вопрос 2.(ОК-7)

In Alaska the drained system is dominated by

Ответы

1. the Yukon
2. the Colorado
3. the Columbia
4. the Ohio

Вопрос 3.(ОК-7)

The US consists of _____ contiguous states

Ответы

1. forty seven
2. forty eight
3. fifty
4. fifty one

Вопрос 4.(ОК-7)

In California one can come across _____, a tree that reaches up to 100 meters high and lives for many hundred years.

Ответы

1. lime
2. ash

3. maple
4. sequoia

Вопрос 5.(OK-7)

The climate in Florida is

Ответы

1. temperate
2. tropical
3. arid
4. semiarid

Вопрос 6.(OK-1,3)

The incident known as “Boston Tea Party” occurred in

Ответы

1. 1770
2. 1771
3. 1772
4. 1773

Вопрос 7.(OK-1,3)

An end to slavery was put by

Ответы

1. the Seven year’s war
2. the war for independence
3. the civil war
4. the Indian war

Вопрос 8.(OK-1)

The welfare state

Ответы

1. was created during a time of great economic prosperity.
2. started with President’s Roosevelt’s New Deal.
3. started with President’s Truman’s Fair Deal.
4. is based on the idea that all individuals should be self-reliant and responsible for their own welfare

Вопрос 9.(OK-2)

The dominant ethnic group among early settlers of what became the United States were the

Ответы

1. English
2. Dutch
3. Swedes
4. Germans

Вопрос 10.(OK-3)

In a _____, government powers are shared by the national government and the States.

Ответы

1. unitary system
2. confederal system
3. totalitarian system
4. federal system

Вопрос 11.

Of all the executive staff agencies, the _____ has the most direct contact with the president.

Ответы(OK-3)

1. cabinet
2. White House office
3. National Security Council
4. Council of Economic Advisors

Вопрос 12.(OK-3,7)

Each senator is elected for

Ответы

1. a 6 – year term
2. a 5 – year term
3. a 4 – year term
4. a 2 – year term

Вопрос 13.(OK-3,7)

Every state except _____ has given the governor the power to veto legislation

Ответы

1. Michigan
2. Arizona
3. Illinois
4. North Carolina

Вопрос 14.(OK-7)

In a jury trial, questions of fact are generally decided by

Ответы

1. the district attorney
2. the defense counsel
3. the jury
4. the judge

Вопрос 15.(OK-7)

The keyword to describe American schools is

Ответы

1. diversity
2. liberalism
3. progressiveness
4. conservatism

Вопрос 16.(OK-2)

In WASP “p” stands for

Ответы

1. people
2. population
3. protestant
4. popularity

Вопрос 17.(OK-2)

The tradition of celebrating Mardi gras goes back to the settlement of _____ immigrants.

Ответы

1. Irish

2. French
3. Jewish
4. German

Вопрос 18.(OK-1,2)

The popular American music from the 1920s through the 1940s was

Ответы

1. Jazz
2. Rock and Roll
3. Pop music
4. Rhythm and Blues

Вопрос 19.(OK-2)

The American idea of the classic “macho” implies

Ответы

1. intelligence
2. moral sensitivity
3. individualism
4. male strength

Вопрос 20.(OK-1)

Which of the following is not a symbol of America?

Ответы

1. The Washington Monument
2. The Lincoln Memorial
3. The Golden Gate Bridge
4. The statue of Liberty

Правильный ответ оценивается в 1 балл.

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Правильно указаны 16 – 14 ответов (70 – 84 %)	7
Правильно указано 10 – 13 ответов (50 – 65 %)	5
Правильно указано менее 10 ответов	0

Банк тестовых заданий по дисциплине

Используется выборочно для промежуточного контроля соответствующих разделов дисциплины. Рекомендуется ограничиваться выборкой около 20 предложений. Правильный ответ оценивается в 1 балл.

Количество правильно указанных ответов	Балл
Правильно указаны 17 - 20 ответов (85 – 100%)	9
Правильно указаны 16 – 14 ответов (70 – 84 %)	6
Правильно указано 10 – 13 ответов (50 – 65 %)	4
Правильно указано менее 10 ответов	0

Предложения с 1 по 56 ориентированы на проверку частичной сформированности компетенции ОК-7; с 56 по 153 имеют целью главным образом проконтролировать сформированность компетенции ОК-1; со 154 по 191 – ОК-2; со 192 по 233 – ОК -3.

Put down:

- 1... the number of states the USA consists of.
- 2... the number of contiguous states.

- 3...the names of outlying areas, constituting the territories of the USA.
- 4... the area of the country.
- 5... the name of the country the USA borders on the north.
- 6... the name of the highest point in the USA.
- 8... the name of the lowest point in the USA.
- 9... the name of the largest state.
- 10...the name of the smallest state.
- 11...three geographic regions distinguished by geographers.
- 12...the name of the river draining nearly all of the interior lowland.
- 13...the name of the physiographic region that has had its landforms remolded and shaped by massive continental glaciers.
- 14...the names of the two world's finest harbor areas formed as the result of the glacial retreat and the rise of the sea level.
- 15...the name of the Highlands in the east squeezing the coastal plains.
- 16...the three areas that the Appalachian Highlands include.
- 17...the name of the plateau which means "lying at the base, or foot of mountains".
- 18...the other name the Appalachia Plateau is also known as.
- 19... the things the Appalachian Ridge and Valley Region is known for.
- 20... the mountain system that early settlers found to be an effective barrier to western movement.
- 21...the mountains on the east separated from the mountains and valleys of the Pacific coastlands by high plateaus.
- 22...the name of the plateau that rises more than 1,000 metres above the lowland's elevation, a land of canyons, volcanic peaks and sandy deserts.
- 23...the basin that is farther north of the Colorado Plateau.
- 24...the height the peaks of the Coast Range in southern California reach.
- 25...the way the Sierra Nevada is translated from Spanish.
- 26...the mountain ranges in which formation volcanic activity was important. 27...the principal streams of the eastern United States.
- 28...the principal rivers of the interior.
- 29...the way some flow regulation and flood control have been achieved on the rivers of the interior.
- 30...eastward - flowing rivers.
- 31...westward - flowing rivers.
- 32...the river the drained system is dominated by in Alaska.
- 33...the river that is as long as the Yukon.
- 34...the names of five Great Lakes.
- 35...the lake of Utah that is a remnant of a much larger Ice Age lake.
- 36... the climate Florida and Hawaii enjoy.
- 37...the climate Alaska enjoys.
- 38... the climate the Great Plains west of the Mississippi river enjoy.
- 39...the climate the Great Basin of the southwest has.
- 40...whether humidity is more characteristic of the states of the eastern or western U.S.
- 41...the part of the U.S. where torrential rains are most common.
- 42...the Gulf that is the major source of moisture for the country.
- 43...the part of the country where tornadoes occur.
- 44...the state suffering from forest fires in late summer.
- 45...the months that are the major snow months in Minnesota and Dakotas.
- 46...the percentage of the forested country's land area.
- 47...a few species of needle-leaf trees.
- 48...a few species of broad-leaf trees.

- 49...the territory that stretches along the desert of southern Arizona and California in which the cactus "forests" form a popular image.
- 51... the name for a distinctive shrub vegetation of coastal southern California
- 52...the mountains where forests of giant sequoia grow.
- 53...the state where forests are dominated by guava trees.
- 54...the name of coastal waters that are the habitat of a number of large mammals, including fur seals.
- 55...the animals that are found in the hardwood forests of the eastern United States.
- 56... the gulf along which coast live such colorful birds as pelicans, flamingos as well as alligators.
- 57...the name of the first Europeans to reach North America about the year 1000.
- 58...the name of the Italian navigator landing on one of the Bahama Islands in the Caribbean Sea in 1492.
- 59...the countries from which most settlers were in the 17 c.
- 60... three regional groupings of colonies in the 18 c.
- 61...the date of the foundation of Harvard College.
- 62...the reason why the English failed to pursue an effective colonial policy in the mid-17 c.
- 63...the date of the foundation of the first permanent settlement at Jamestown, Virginia.
- 64...the reason why the British government restricted the colonial movement as far as west of the Mississippi river.
- 65...the things the Quartering Act of 1765 required colonies to do.
- 66...the slogan the colonists rallied behind (2nd half the 18 c.)
- 67...the date when the "Boston Massacre" incident occurred.
- 68...the date when the "Boston Tea Party" incident happened.
- 69...the place where the First Continental Congress gathered in Sep, 5, 1774.
- 70...the date when the Second Colonial Congress met.
- 71...the resolution the Second Colonial Congress voted for.
- 72... the name of the person appointed as commander - in - chief of American forces.
- 73...the date the war for Independence broke out.
- 74...the date of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.
- 75...the place where a decisive battle of the war for Independence took place on Oct., 17, 1777.
- 76...the date of the approval of the final treaty by the Congress, that ended the Revolutionary war.
- 77... the date of the inauguration of G. Washington the 1 st President of the USA.
- 78...the date Washington became the seat of the US. government.
- 79... the country the vast Louisiana territory was purchased
- 80...the date of the admission of Texas to the Union as the 28 state.
- 81...the purchase from Russia that took place in 1867.
- 82...a compromise Congress reached on the question of slavery in 1820.
- 83...the union formed by 11 states that left the Union and proclaimed themselves an independent nation in 1860.
- 84...the historical event that put an end to slavery.
- 85...inventions quickening the social and economic life of the nation.
- 86...the date when the frontier between East and West disappeared.
- 87...a policy pursued by President Woodrow Wilson at the beginning of the war. 88...the date of a conclusion of an armistice.
- 89...the organization that was Wilson's greatest hope for peace after the end of World War 1.
- 90...the name of the person who introduced the assembly line into automobile factories.
- 91...the cause for a world-wide depression of 1930s.
- 92...Roosevelt's program that brought an air of confidence and optimism.
- 93...the name of the president who declared: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself".
- 94...a president who was elected to a third term in 1940.

- 95...the initial American response to the outbreak of war in Europe in 1939. 96.the event that brought the US into the war in 1941.
- 97...the name Truman's domestic program was given.
98. ...he date of the banning of racial discrimination in federal government.
- 99... the kind of war that differences about the shape of the postwar world between the US and the Soviet Union brought to.
- 100... the date of the assassination of J. Kennedy.
- 101... the way Americans reacted to their country's involvement in the war.
- 102... the date of the peak of the struggle of black Americans for equality.
- 103... the name the struggle of black Americans for equality is associated with. 104... the document that is the central instrument of American government and the supreme law of the land.
- 105... the number of amendments the Constitution has.
- 106... the place where the Constitutional Convention convened on May, 25, 1787. 107... the date when the Constitution was officially adopted.
- 108...the three main branches of government.
- 109... the name, the first ten amendments to the Constitution are collectively known.
- 110... the rights the first amendment guarantees.
- 111...the amendment that guards against unreasonable searches, arrests and seizures of property.
- 112... the amendment which establishes a clear and simple definition of citizenship and guarantees equal treatment under the law. 113. the amendment lowering the voting age to 18.
- 114...the term for the division of authority when states rights are balanced with the needs of a central government.
- 115... the devices that the theory of "separated powers" is supplemented by.
- 116... the procedure that major executive and judicial appointments made by the President are subjected to.
- 117... the power that is the most important of the three branches of the US government.
- 118... the person the executive power belongs to.
- 119... the periodisation of the presidential election.
- 120... the date of the presidential election.
- 121... the place that is the seat of government.
- 122... persons, who forms the Electoral College during the presidential election.
- 123... the beginning of the presidential term of four years. .
- 124...the ceremony the President starts his official duties.
- 125... some duties and powers of the Presidency listed by the Constitution.
- 126...the way the president's influence over the judicial branch is exercised,
- 127... the term given to a formal accusation against a public official by a legislative body.
- 128... the number of executive departments.
- 129... officials that form the president's "cabinet".
- 130... the two chambers the Congress is divided into.
- 131... the members the Senate is composed of.
- 132... the current membership of the Senate.
- 133... the factor that determines membership in the House.
- 134... the amendment that provided for direct election of the Senate.
- 135... age and other requirements for members of the Senate.
- 136... age and other requirements for members of the House.
- 137... the body that determines the total number of members of the House of Representatives.
- 138... the number of states having only one representative in the House.
- 139... the periodisation with which a national census is held.
- 140... the length of the senatorial term.
- 141... certain powers especially reserved to the Senate.

- 142... the broad powers of the whole Congress that are spelled out in Article 1 of the Constitution.
- 143... the person presiding in the Senate.
- 144... the presiding officer in the House of Representatives.
- 145... kinds of courts spread throughout the country.
- 147... the procedure of appointing US judges.
- 148... the highest court of the United States.
- 149... the number of judges in the Supreme Court.
- 150... two kinds of cases that the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction.
- 151... matters that are the exclusive concern of state governments.
- 152... the chief executive of a state.
- 153... types of city governments.
- 154... the approximate number of total population in the USA.
- 155... percentage of population distribution (urban, rural).
- 156... the name for the image that suggested newcomers would discard their old customs and adopt American ways.
- 157... the description of the first American immigrants beginning more than 20,000 years ago.
- 158... the approximate number of Native Americans living in the country when Christopher Columbus "discovered" the New World in 1492.
- 159... the reason why Christopher Columbus called the Native Americans "Indians".
- 160... the names of several European countries from which people came to explore America and set up trading posts and colonies.
- 161... the consequence the influx of Europeans had on the life of Native Americans.
- 162... the actions through which transfer of land from Indian to European and later American hands was accomplished.
- 163... the solution to the Indian problem that the government preferred in the 19th c.
- 164... the reason why Indians came to depend on government assistance.
- 165... the reason why the Indian population decreased in number.
- 166... the approximate number of Native Americans today.
- 167... the names of states that derive their names from Indian words.
- 168... the things Indians taught Europeans.
- 169... the things that are among the Indians' inventions.
- 170... the dominant ethnic group among early settlers.
- 171... the prevalent American language.
- 172... the name of a spokesman for the revolutionary cause in the colonies to whom the words "Europe, and not England is the parent country of America".
- 173... the reasons why millions of people leave their homelands each year.
- 174... the government's promise to immigrants in return for service in the Union army during the American Civil War (1861-1865).
- 175... the name of island in the harbor on New York City on which the government operated a special port of entry for immigrants.
- 176... the number of people getting through Ellis Island port of entry during the years of its existence (1892-1954).
- 177... the name of National Monument found Ellis Island nowadays.
- 178... the ethnic group of immigrants who came to North America unwillingly.
- 179... the date when importing slaves into the United States became illegal.
- 180... the date when the process of ending slavery began.
- 181... the name of the President who issued the Emancipation Proclamation abolishing slavery.
- 182... the name of the leader of nonviolent protest to demand equal treatment of African Americans under the law and an end to racial prejudice.
- 183... the date when the US Congress passed laws prohibiting discrimination in voting, education, employment, housing, and public accommodations.

- 184... the reason why at the end of the 19 c. many native-born Americans began to worry that the country was admitting too many immigrants.
- 185... the essence of the Johnson - reed Immigration Act passed in 1924.
- 186... the reason why prior to 1924, US. laws specifically excluded Asian immigrants.
- 187... the date when the legislation allowing people of all races become U.S.citizens was passed.
- 188... the date when according to new immigration patterns preference was given to relatives of U .S. citizens and immigrants with job skills in short supply in the United States was passed.
- 189... the date when the immigration law attempting to attract more skilled workers and professionals to the United States was passed.
190. ...the effect that the steady stream of people coming to America has had on the American character.
- 191...the way immigrants enrich American communities.
192. ...the definition of GDP (gross domestic product).
- 193... some continuing long-term challenges the economy faces.
194. ...one of the bedrock principles in America's approach to economic affairs. 195... the explanation of what "marker economy" suggests.
- 196... the explanation of what "mixed economy " suggests.
- 197... ingredients of a nation's economic system.
- 198... the idea that the traditional managerial structure in America employs.
- 199...the most important problem that American farmers encounter.
- 200... the idea that the term "agribusiness" reflects.
- 201... the definition of an economic region.
- 202...the number of U.S. economic regions.
- 203... as many of the U.S. economic regions as you can remember.
- 204... issues the Department of Education focuses on.
- 205... types of schools in the U.S.
- 206... types of colleges in the U.S.
- 207... the age limit to attend school.
- 208... what "dumbing down" the curriculum means.
- 209... goals to be achieved in American education.
- 210... novel problems facing American schools.
- 211... the percentage of colleges and universities privately operated by religious groups.
- 212... three sources of income that colleges depend on.
- 213... the number of majors offered by American colleges and universities.
- 214... United States Holidays and Special Days.
- 215...the origin of Independence Day.
- 216...the origin of Thanksgiving Day.
- 217... the reason why Martin Luther King's Berth day is marked.
- 218... the reason why Presidents' Day is celebrated in February.
- 219... who Memorial Day honors. The way the nation's working people are honored on Labor Day.
- 220... the origin of Columbus Day.
- 221... the day originally called Armistice Day.
- 222...the day celebrated on the 14 of February,
- 223... the ethnic group that celebrates Hanukkah.
- 224...the population of what state celebrates Kamehameha Day.
- 225...the ethnic group that celebrates Cinco De Mayo.
- 226... the town in Louisiana for which the celebration of Mardi Gras is a big occasion.
227. ...the ethnic group that celebrates the old country's patron saint, St. Patrick.
228. ...the ethnic group that celebrates Kwanzaa.
- 229...the way the evening before AH Saints or AH Hallows Day is called.
- 230...sources of inspiration of American art.

231... outstanding representatives of American literature.

232...major American figures in visual arts.

233.. .American's original contributions to music.

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