

**Reading list for American Literature (1919 to the present), 7,5 hp**  
**(this list is a contingent guide: the titles are negotiable; the total selection should be about 3000 pages)**

Novels:

Auster, Paul. *The New York Trilogy; Moon Palace*  
 Baldwin, James. *Go Tell it on the Mountain*  
 Barnes, Djuna. *Nightwood*  
 Barth, John. *The Sot-Weed Factor*  
 Bellow, Saul. *Henderson the Rain King*  
 Cather, Willa. *The Professor's House*  
 DeLillo, Don. *Underworld*  
 McCullers, Carson. *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*  
 Ellison, Ralph. *The Invisible Man*  
 McElroy, Joseph. *Actress in the House*  
 Faulkner, William. *Absalom, Absalom*  
 Fitzgerald F. Scott. *The Great Gatsby*  
 Gaddis, William . *The Recognitions*  
 Gardener, John. *Grendel*  
 Hawkes John. *The Cannibal*  
 Hemingway, Ernest. *A Farewell to Arms*  
 Hogan, Linda. *Solar Storms*  
 Hurston, Zora Neale. *Their Eyes were Watching God*  
 Irving, John. *Cider House Rules*  
 Lewis, Sinclair. *Babbitt*  
 Mailer, Norman. *The Naked and the Dead*  
 Malamud, Bernard. *The Assistant*  
 Morrison, Toni. *Beloved; Paradise*  
 Nabokov, Vladimir. *Pale Fire*  
 O'Connor, Flannery. *Wise Blood*  
 Dos Passos, John. *USA*  
 Plath, Sylvia . *The Bell Jar*  
 Pynchon, Thomas. *Gravity's Rainbow*  
 Robinson, Marilynne. *Housekeeping*  
 Salinger, J.D. *Catcher in the Rye*  
 Stein, Gertrude. *Three Lives*  
 Steinbeck, John. *The Grapes of Wrath*  
 Toomer, Jean. *Cane*  
 Updike, John. *Rabbit, Run*  
 Vonnegut, Jr., Kurt. *Slaughterhouse-Five*  
 Wright, Richard. *Native Son*

Short stories by at least seven authors:

Anderson, Sherwood; Cheever, John; Barthelme, David; O'Brian, Tim; Cather, Willa; Erdrich, Louise; Faulkner, William; Hemingway, Ernest; Henry, O.; Mason, Bobby Anne; McElroy, Joseph; Oates, Joyce Carol; O'Connor, Flannery; Porter, Catherine Anne

Drama: by at least two playwrights

Albee, Edward. "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"; "Ballad of the Sad Café"  
 Baraka Imamu Amiri. "The Dutchman"  
 Hansberry, Lorraine. "A Raisin in the Sun"  
 Miller, Arthur. "The Death of a Salesman"  
 O'Neill, Eugene. "Long Day's Journey into Night"  
 Kushner, Tony. "Angels in America"  
 Shepherd, Sam "The Tooth of Crime"  
 Wilder, Thornton. "Our Town"  
 Williams, Tennessee. "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"

Poetry

a selection from at least twelve poets.

Ashberry, John; Berryman, John; Crane, Hart; Creely, Robert; Cummings, e.e.; Duncan Robert; Eliot, T.S.; Frost, Robert; Ginsberg, Alan; H.D.; Hughes, Langston; Jeffers, Robinson; Lowell, Robert; Moore, Marian; Millay, Edna St. Vincent; O'Hara, Frank; Plath, Sylvia; Pound, Ezra; Rexroth, Kenneth; Rich, Adrienne; Roethke, Theodore; Sandburg, Carl; Sexton, Anne; Snyder, Gary; Stevens, Wallace; Wilbur, Richard; Williams, William Carlos

Literature History & Theory

Gray, R. *A Brief History of American Literature*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011. 159-372..

at least one classical study

Chase, Richard. *The Quest for Myth*  
 Crews, Ferderick. *The Pooh Perplex*  
 Fetterly, Judith. *The Resisting Reader*  
 Fiedler, Leslie. *Love and Death in the American Novel*  
 Hassan, Ihab. *Radical Innocence*  
 Levin, Harry. *The Power of Blackness*  
 Marx, Leo. *The Machine in the Garden*  
 Matthiessen, F.O. *The American Renaissance*  
 Tanner, Tony. *City of Words*

2 recent titles, selected after consultation.