Department	13 General and Interdisciplinary Studies
Course title	**Super Power on its knees? A look at Americ's problems and their solutions (Virtual Exchange with students from CalPoly in America and ITESO in Mexico)**
Hours per week (SWS)	2
Number of ECTS credits	2
Course objective	This course aims to look at the different problems the country is facing today. Upon completion of this course, students should be more aware of the causes of the problems and have gained an insight into the possible solutions.
Prerequisites	
Recommended reading	This is a Cultural Studies class (drawing from approaches in Literary, Media Studies, and Political Science). A lot will be based on articles from newspapers and journals. Other literature will be provided at the beginning of class.
Teaching methods	•This seminar will be held biweekly. •There will be in-class reading, discussion, presentation, group work and analysis. It will be very interactive. •Through virtual exchange, students will have the opportunity to discuss issues with students from California Polytechnic State University and Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara in Mexico, gaining a wider perspective.
Assessment methods	•Credits will be earned through a presentation and a paper.
Language of instruction	English
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Course content	America had its shares of ups and downs in the past: think of the inflation-ridden of the late 1970s, the competition from Japan and the jobless recovery in the early 1990s. Both times America bounced back. However, America has gone from being one of the world's largest exporters to importer and its dependence on cheap imports is painfully apparent. Additionally, the country has faced threats from abroad and within. But a bigger and more urgent question on everyone's mind is, no doubt: after Administration of Trump, can America face its challenges again, under the leadership of the current president Joe Biden?
Remarks	