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**Zielsetzung des Seminars**

The American Dream is a central concept to the American culture and its idea has been a driving force for immigrants and Americans throughout the centuries. We want to take a deeper look into the key aspects that make up the American Dream and how it has changed over time. We will also explore the various motivations of different population groups (e.g. immigrants, frontier settlers, minorities) and what the American Dream has meant to them. This will also lead to the question whether the American Dream is reality or just a myth, and whether it exists in modern times.

This seminar addresses students who are interested in the USA, respectively its history, its people, and its social development. Students who consider taking part in this seminar are supposed to enjoy English and their English skills should be quite good.

**Mögliche Themen für die Seminararbeiten:**

1. Living on hopes and dreams—the American Dream of early immigrants
2. Moving west: the American Dream during the 19th century
3. The Black American Dream
4. The American Dream of minorities (e.g. Hispanics)
5. The American Dream: myth or reality?
6. Hard work will get you there—Education as key factor to the American Dream
7. Living the dream—top sports in the USA

This seminar will be taught exclusively in English. The seminar paper has to be written in English.

Sollte sich im Verlauf des Seminars herausstellen, dass das Konzept erheblich verändert werden muss, so ist dies in Absprache mit der Schulleitung möglich.