



# Columbia West College

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## Syllabus

### English through American Culture Program

### **Elective: American Culture & Language through American History**

<b>Class Time</b>	<u>Morning</u> Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  <u>Afternoon</u> Monday – Thursday 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  <u>Evening</u> Monday – Friday 6:00 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.
<b>Instructional Mode</b>	Residential training
<b>Prerequisite</b>	Placement by assessment or successful completion of ESL Standard Level 5.
<b>Program Objectives</b> <p>The English through American Culture program exposes you to and helps you acquire vocabulary, expressions, idioms, and language used in authentic American cultural materials and in realistic and situationally appropriate discussion of those cultural elements. The program also acquaints you with various registers and formats of American English and provides you an opportunity to hone your listening, speaking, conversational, reading, writing, and vocabulary skills. The program consists of core classes of Discussion and Discovery, during which you will read about and discuss American cultural values, as well as 3 classes from an offering of 6 total elective classes.</p>	
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>After you finish this program, you will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Follow specialized lectures and presentations employing a high degree of colloquialism, regional usage or unfamiliar terminology</li><li>2) Understand long and complex factual texts</li><li>3) Scan texts for relevant information, and grasp main topic of text, reading almost as quickly as a native speaker</li><li>4) Produce clear, smoothly flowing well-structured speech with an effective logical structure which helps the recipient to notice and remember significant points</li><li>5) Present a complex topic confidently and articulately to an audience unfamiliar with it, structuring and adapting the talk flexibly to meet the audience's needs</li><li>6) Summarize information from different sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation of the overall results</li></ol>
<b>Program Length</b> <p>English through American Culture is divided into 3 sections, and each section is four weeks in length. However, the length of your individual educational program depends on your commitment to the school.</p>	
<b>Required Textbook &amp; Class Materials</b> <p>USHistory.org. "American History." U.S. History Online Textbook. The Independence Hall Association, 2016, <a href="http://www.ushistory.org/us/">www.ushistory.org/us/</a>.</p> <p>History Channel historical film series - <i>America: The Story of Us</i> with corresponding teacher resources and curriculum materials.</p>	

