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Syllabus

English through American Culture Program

Elective: American Culture & Language through Art

Class Time	<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.
Instructional Mode	Residential training
Prerequisite	Placement by assessment or successful completion of ESL Standard Level 5.

Program Objectives

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.

Learning Outcomes

After you finish this program, you will be able to:

- 1) Produce clear, smoothly-flowing, complex reports, articles or essays which present a case, or give critical appreciation of proposals or literary works. Can provide an appropriate and effective logical structure which helps the reader to find significant points
- 2) Write a well-structured review of a paper or project, giving reasons for opinion
- 3) Write a critical review of cultural events (including various forms of art)
- 4) Easily follow and contribute to complex interactions between third parties in group discussion even on abstract, complex unfamiliar topics
- 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

Program Length

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.

Class Materials

Various selected authentic language materials

