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Syllabus

English through American Culture – American Culture & Values

Elective: American Culture & Language through Current Events

Class Time	<p><u>Morning</u> Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Monday – Thursday 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Evening</u> Monday – Friday 6:00 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.</p>
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	<p>After you finish this program, you will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Understand complex opinions/arguments as expressed in serious newspapers 2) Understand and interpret critically virtually all forms of the written language including abstract, structurally complex, or highly colloquial literary and non-literary writings. 3) Summarize information from different sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation of the overall result 4) Identify supporting detail from main points and can reconstruct arguments and accounts accurately, coherently, and concisely without including unnecessary detail 5) Understand a wide range of recorded and broadcast audio material, including some non-standard usage, and identify finer points of detail including implicit attitudes and relationships between speakers 6) Give clear, detailed descriptions of complex subjects. 7) Present a clear, smoothly-flowing, description or argument in a style appropriate to the context and with an effective logical structure which helps the recipient to notice and remember significant points 8) Deliver announcements fluently, almost effortlessly, using stress and intonation to convey finer shades of meaning precisely
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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