



# Columbia West College

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## Syllabus

### English through American Culture Program

### **Elective: American Culture & Language through Film & Television**

<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>  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.	
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	After you finish this program, you will be able to:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Follow films and television programs employing a considerable degree of slang &amp; idiomatic usage</li><li>2) Summarize information from different sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation of the overall result</li><li>3) Give clear, detailed descriptions of complex subjects. Can give elaborate descriptions and narratives, integrating sub themes, developing particular points and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion</li><li>4) Write clear, smoothly-flowing, and fully engrossing stories and descriptions of experience in a style appropriate to the genre adopted</li><li>5) Use a broad lexical repertoire including idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms; shows awareness of connotative levels of meaning</li><li>6) Formulate ideas and opinions with precision and relate contributions skillfully to those of other speakers</li><li>7) Write extensively and enhance positive impact on the reader through variation in style, use of advanced vocabulary, idioms, and humor</li></ol>
<b>Program Length</b>  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.	
<b>Class Materials</b>  Various selected authentic language materials	

