



# Columbia West College

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## Syllabus

### English through American Culture Program Elective: American Culture & Language through Literature

<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
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<b>Prerequisite</b>	Placement by assessment or successful completion of ESL Standard Level 5.
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#### 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.

<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	After you finish this program, you will be able to:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Understand and interpret critically virtually all forms of the written language including abstract, structurally complex, or highly colloquial literary and non-literary writings</li><li>2) Understand a wide range of long and complex texts, appreciating subtle distinctions of style and implicit as well as explicit meaning</li><li>3) Appreciate the finer subtleties of meaning, rhetorical effect and stylistic language use in critical or satirical forms of discourse</li><li>4) Recognize different stylistic means (puns, metaphors, symbols, connotations, ambiguity) and appreciate and evaluate their function within the text</li><li>5) Readily appreciate most narratives and modern literary texts</li><li>6) Understand and critically appraise contemporary and classical literary texts of different genres</li><li>7) Go beyond the concrete plot of a narrative and grasp implicit meanings, ideas, and connections</li><li>8) Read literary texts with ease</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>Required Textbook</b>
Fitzgerald, F. Scott. <i>The Great Gatsby</i> . New York: Scribner, 2013. Print.