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Syllabus

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

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
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Prerequisite	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.

Learning Outcomes	After you finish this program, you will be able to:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Understand and interpret critically virtually all forms of the written language including abstract, structurally complex, or highly colloquial literary and non-literary writings2) Understand a wide range of long and complex texts, appreciating subtle distinctions of style and implicit as well as explicit meaning3) Appreciate the finer subtleties of meaning, rhetorical effect and stylistic language use in critical or satirical forms of discourse4) Recognize different stylistic means (puns, metaphors, symbols, connotations, ambiguity) and appreciate and evaluate their function within the text5) Readily appreciate most narratives and modern literary texts6) Understand and critically appraise contemporary and classical literary texts of different genres7) Go beyond the concrete plot of a narrative and grasp implicit meanings, ideas, and connections8) Read literary texts with ease

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.

Required Textbook
Fitzgerald, F. Scott. <i>The Great Gatsby</i> . New York: Scribner, 2013. Print.