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Syllabus

English through American Culture – American Culture & Values **Elective: American Culture & Language through Music**

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.
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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 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 speakers2) Employ a good command of a very broad lexical repertoire including idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms; shows awareness of connotative levels of meaning3) Summarize information from song lyrics4) Write clear, detailed, well-structured and developed descriptions and imaginative texts in an assured, personal, natural style appropriate to the reader in mind5) Formulate ideas and opinions with precision and relate my contribution skillfully to those of other speakers
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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, including songs and music videos

