



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER

AMERICAN CULTURE

“We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.”

Jimmy Carter



COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to help students increase their understanding of American cultural patterns and examine how they are different from their own through interactive activities, readings and discussions. Increasing intercultural sensitivity and promoting cross-cultural awareness, tolerance, and greater global understanding are the main goals of the course. Students will learn to predict or avoid problems that may arise due to cultural differences.

SCHEDULE

Class time: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:00-7:50 am EST via Zoom
Dates: October 19 – November 13, 2020 or February 15 – March 12, 2021

CLASS RULES AND POLICIES

English Use & Mode of Instruction

All instruction and curriculum are in English. Please use English as much as possible in the class. All classes will be held over Zoom.

Attendance

It is recommended that students attend live classes for authentic real-time communication with the instructor and other students in English. However, due to individual circumstances, class attendance may not always be possible. For this reason, all classes will be recorded and made available for students to view online in the Canvas learning management system.

Course materials

All course materials will be uploaded to Canvas. Students must submit all assignments via Canvas.

Assignments and Assessment

Students will complete assignments, write reflections and participate in online discussions. Grades will be recorded in Canvas. To pass the class, students need a final grade of 73%.

COURSE TOPICS

Melting Pot or Salad Bowl?

Cultural Dimensions

American Values

The American Dream

Consumer Society

American Food

American Slang in Songs