



## American Culture Program

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Dear American Culture Program Applicant:

The American Culture Program (AmCP) Spring Semester is self-contained, offering 12 to 15 credit hours of study through course work, tutorial practicum, and internship. It is composed of four classes, with the option of participating in the American Culture practicum.

**American Culture Seminar** (4 credits), team-taught by two interdisciplinary faculty (for example, art, communication, history, literature, politics, and religion). Students will meet as a group to discuss key American texts and will present a series of writing assignments. A writing tutorial will coordinate with the seminar.

**American Voices I** (3 credits) is a lecture/discussion class, coordinated by the Director but usually featuring guest speakers from a variety of academic disciplines, nonacademic occupations, and areas of public service or activism. Students have the option of doing an independent project in conjunction with this course, determined by his or her interests, for which academic credit may be received in a specific department if that department approves.

**American Voices II** (2 credits) involves trips to various parts of Virginia and surrounding states. Students will examine the imaging of America at historic sites and museums, at businesses and military bases, at churches and headquarters of social activists, as well as at civic celebrations, entertainment and sporting events, and in the mass media.

**American Images** (3 credits), will present ways to see, read, and hear America. Students may also participate in experiential learning through a practicum (one to three hours) that will pertain to issues particularly American.

(optional) **American Practicum** (1-3 credits) Students in the American Culture Program are eligible for full participation in the extracurricular life of the College, including athletics, clubs, student government, and other activities. While students are integrated into Randolph College life, they are also, simultaneously, part of an intensive program and members of a group that will be experiencing a great deal together, both in the classroom and on the road.

The American Culture Program seeks students who have a strong sense of self-direction and who demonstrate academic seriousness and promise. Grade-point average is one factor in judging this, but not the only one, and Randolph College sets no minimum figure. The student's entire academic record is analyzed, with special attention given to performance in courses most related to the work of the American Culture Program and to facility in written expression. Non-academic factors also are considered, including tolerance, adaptability, curiosity, maturity, and integrity. Taking additional classes is not recommended due to the academic requirements of the Program.



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The procedure for applying to the American Culture Program is as follows:

1. Complete and include the application below.
2. Write a 500 word (minimum) essay answering the following questions:
  1. Why do you wish to participate in the American Culture Program?
  2. How will the Program make a difference in your academic experience?
  3. We will spend a significant amount of time together in class and traveling. How do you deal with being in close proximity to the same group of people for an extended amount of time?
3. Include an electronic copy of a paper you have done previously for a class that, in your judgment, represents your analytical and writing skills.
4. Include an electronic copy of your current transcript obtained from the Portal or Registrar.

References:

5. Submit **names and contact information** (not letters) for three Randolph College faculty references and one personal reference. Your personal reference should not include family members. Be sure to ask faculty and personal references for permission before you submit their names. Do not submit letters; names and contact information will suffice. Program faculty will contact references to assess student's fit for the program.

Submit all application components via email by 8:30AM on November 11, 2019 to:

Luisa Carrera  
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[lbcarrera@randolphcollege.edu](mailto:lbcarrera@randolphcollege.edu)



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## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

### Personal Information

Name	Campus Mailbox #
Preferred name/nick name (as applicable)	Tel #
Date of birth	Country of Citizenship
Major(s):	Minor(s)
Anticipated date of graduation	Academic advisor

### Personal and Career Information

Career plans, if known
Employment and volunteer experience
Significant travel experience (both in the U.S. and internationally)
Major nonacademic interests



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Are you interested in enrolling in the American Culture Practicum (ACP 332)?

No      Yes

**Please initial:** The American Culture Program often uses stories and photos to promote the Program to community members, potential American Voices, and future students. Please initial below to indicate whether we may use your name and image if you are accepted in the program.

*(Your response does not influence your admission into the program.)*

\_\_\_\_ Yes, Randolph College has my permission to use my name and image in promotional materials related to the AmCP.

\_\_\_\_ No, Randolph College may not use my name or image in promotional materials related to AmCP.

**OPTIONAL:** We are interested in knowing how you heard about the American Culture Program. (check as applicable)

Randolph portal	Info Session	poster
In class	word of mouth	ACP web site

*The ACP application must be submitted electronically; therefore, your typed name is the equivalent of your signature.*

Name