



## American Culture Program

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Dear American Culture Program Applicant:

The American Culture Program (ACP) seeks students who have a strong sense of self-direction and who demonstrate academic seriousness and promise. 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 facility in written expression. Grade-point average is one factor in judging this, but not the only one, and Randolph College sets no minimum figure. Non-academic factors also are considered, including tolerance, adaptability, curiosity, maturity, and integrity.

Seventy-three students admitted to the program will take eight hours structured as two courses in a single session: AMCP 2272 American Images and AMCP 3322 American Culture Seminar that comprise the curricular core. Students study how Americans present themselves through museums, historic sites, and places of entertainment, as well as through books, movies, politicians' speeches, civic celebrations, and television. In approaching America as both a social reality and a cultural construct, each of which has been subject to continual debate, students should develop a deeper sense of the nation's complex character as well as a more precise conviction about what they themselves wish the nation to be.

Courses are team-taught and revolve around the expertise or area of the Helen and Agnes Ainsworth Visiting scholar of American Culture, a position that rotates biannually. Both courses will incorporate travel to a variety of locations; for example, work places, government institutions, chambers of commerce, museums, and historic sites and to hear from workers, bureaucrats, ministers, curators, interpreters, and the like about their identities and experiences as Americans. Travel will include day, multi-day, and weekend trips. The American Culture minor offers students the opportunity to formalize and augment their experience in the American Culture 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.

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

Randolph College portal \_\_\_\_\_ Info session \_\_\_\_\_ poster \_\_\_\_\_ ACP website \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit all application components (images, scans are acceptable) to:

Luisa Carrera, Center for Student Research, [lbarrera@randolphcollege.edu](mailto:lbarrera@randolphcollege.edu)



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## APPLICATION FOR ACP 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