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Dear American Culture Program Applicant:

The American Culture Program (AmCP) Spring Session 4 is eight credit hours structured as two courses in a single session (AMCP 2272 and 3322):

AMCP 2272. American Images

An interdisciplinary exploration of the ways Americans represent themselves in intellectual and popular culture from the nineteenth through the twenty-first centuries. By considering themes such as race, ethnicity, class, gender, and environment, students will examine visual, literary, and musical texts for the diverse and distinctive images of America. *Credit hours: 4. Prerequisite: admission to the American Culture Program.*

AMCP 3322. American Culture Seminar

An interdisciplinary seminar that will examine selected themes in American culture from the perspectives of faculty expertise. The course will include extensive reading and a tutorial writing component wherein the student will work individually with faculty on writing assignments. *Credit hours: 4. Prerequisite: admission to the American Culture Program. (CI, WI)*

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 are also 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:
 - a) Why do you wish to participate in the American Culture Program?
 - b) How will the Program make a difference in your academic experience?
 - c) 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 your current transcript obtained from the Portal or Registrar.
- 4. Submit **names and contact information** (not letters) for <u>two Randolph College</u> <u>faculty</u> references and <u>one personal</u> 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 by November 5, 2023 to:

Luisa Carrera Center for Student Research <u>Ibcarrera@randolphcollege.edu</u> Main 137



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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)	
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Major nonacademic interest

The American Culture Program is 8 credit hours total, constituting a full load. Do you plan to take any additional courses in Session 4? If yes, what courses?

Do you plan to participate in a sports team or other extracurricular activity that requires significant time commitments in Session 4? If yes, what are these other commitments?

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 College portal _____ Info session _____ poster _____ ACP website_____

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_Date _____

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