



RANDOLPH COLLEGE

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. The central course is the **American Culture Seminar** (four hours), team-taught by three 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.

A second course, **American Voices I** (three hours), will be 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.

A third course, **American Voices II** (two hours) involves a series of 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.

A fourth course, **American Images** (three hours), will be team-taught by two faculty, presenting ways to see, read, even hear America. Students may also participate in experiential learning through a practicum (one to three hours) that will pertain to issues particularly American.

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.

To apply, please refer to the back of this letter for application procedure. Thank you.

The procedure for applying to the American Culture Program

1. Complete the application and submit it no later than **October 15** to:

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2. Request a recommendation from one faculty member who knows you and your work. Distribute the attached faculty recommendation form and request that the signature form and recommendation letter be sent directly to Randolph College.
3. Submit the RD Reference form to your RD, and ask her/him to send the form directly to the American Culture Program.
4. Submit a copy of a paper you have done previously for a class that in your judgment represents your analytical and writing skills. The international applicant must submit a paper written in English and a copy of her TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) results.
5. Submit a copy of your current transcript (unofficial transcripts will be accepted).
6. If you are an applicant from a campus other than Randolph College, submit a letter from the academic Dean certifying your eligibility to participate in the American Culture Program.



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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Personal Information. Please type or print clearly in ink.

Name _____ Preferred Name/Nickname _____

Permanent Address _____

_____ Home Telephone (_____) _____
City State ZIP

E-Mail Address _____ Fax Number _____

S.S.# _____ Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Country of Citizenship _____ Passport Number _____

U.S. Permanent Resident? Yes No Number of Years in U.S. _____

If you are currently attending a college or university other than Randolph College, please provide the following:

(Randolph College students please fill in the address information with your campus post office box, campus extension, e-mail address and all of the academic information requested.) Thank you.

Name of College/University _____

Mailing Address _____

_____ *Street City State ZIP*
Telephone (_____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Major (s) _____ Area (s) of Concentration _____

Expected Date of Degree Completion _____ Advisor's Name _____

Advisor's Telephone (_____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Have you ever applied to Randolph College? If so, when? _____ month/year

OPTIONAL: Responses to questions about your race, your first language (if other than English), the language spoken in your home, and your religion help us monitor our success in attracting a diverse group of applicants to Randolph College. Your answer to any of these questions, or your decision not to respond, does not affect your chances for admission.

If you are a U. S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S., how would you describe yourself? *(Please check one.)*

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic
- White or Caucasian
- Asian, or Asian-American, or Pacific Islander

Other (Please specify.) _____

Religion _____

What is your first language
if other than English? _____

What language do
you speak at home? _____

If English is not your first language please attach
a photocopy of your TOEFL scores.

TOEFL scores _____ Test date _____

Application continues on the back.

Information About Previous Education

Please list in descending order all post-secondary institutions you have attended, if other than the institution from which you will graduate. If you have attended more than one post-secondary institution please attach the following information on a separate sheet of paper.

College or University _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

ZIP

Courses Studied _____

Dates Attended _____ Degree Completion Date _____

(from month/year to month/year)

Optional: Reason for leaving institution if other than completion of a degree _____

Former High School _____ Address _____

City

State

ZIP

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 _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following question in essay form.

Why do you wish to participate in the American Culture Program? What are your expectations of the Program, and how will the Program make a difference in your academic experience?

Are you interested in enrolling in the American Culture Practicum (ACP 332)? Yes No

OPTIONAL: We are interested in knowing how you heard about the American Culture Program? (check one or more)

Randolph College Campus Materials Mailing Newspaper or Radio Referral

If referred, please indicate the person's name and his/her association to Randolph College if any.

Name _____ Please circle one: Faculty, Staff, Former AmCP student,

RANDOLPH COLLEGE Alumna Class of _____, or Other _____



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Faculty Recommendation

To the Candidate:

Please enter your name and the name of your college/university on the lines below. Give this form to someone who knows you well and who can comment on your temperament, personality, and maturity.

Name of Candidate _____

Last

First

Middle

Candidate's Address _____

Address

City

State

ZIP

Candidate's College/University _____

Official Name

Address *City* *State* *ZIP*

Name of Person Making Recommendation _____

Relationship to Candidate _____

Dear Faculty:

The Randolph College American Culture Program much appreciates your evaluation of the above candidate's suitability. Please comment on the student's academic ability and promise (if applicable), as well as her adaptability, open-mindedness, maturity, and integrity.

The information you furnish will be used for admissions and placement purposes only and will not become part of the student's permanent record. Your confidential estimate will not be disclosed to anyone including the candidate and her family, except those who—at the discretion of the Director of Admissions—are officially involved in the admission and advising of the candidate. Please attach a separate sheet if you need more space. Thank you.

Signature of Person Making Recommendation

Date

Please return by **October 15** to:

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RD Reference

Applicant: Please complete items A and B. Then give this form to your RD and ask her to complete it and enclose the completed form in a sealed envelope, sign across the seal, and return the envelope to you. Then, please submit the letter with your completed application. If your RD prefers, the letter may be sent directly to the Coordinator of the American Culture Program.

A. Name of Applicant _____

B. In accordance with provisions of the Federal Education and Privacy Act of 1974, enrolled students have the right to see their letters of recommendations unless they explicitly waive that right.

I waive my right to examine this recommendation form when completed and understand that it will remain confidential.

I do not waive my right to review this document.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

RD: The American Culture Program frequently requires a student to immerse herself in an unfamiliar culture and deal with unfamiliar situations in a group environment. Students spend long hours together, sometimes in cramped public transportation or buses and have little personal freedom or time alone. They usually have one or two roommates and must adhere to a rigorous travel schedule.

Please complete the following questions:

1. How long you have known the student?

2. How often have you had contact with her?

RD signature

date

Taking into consideration the demands that a trip of this nature will place on the student, please complete the following form:

Poor Average Good Excellent Unable to
comment

Leadership					
Team Player					
Consideration for others					
Animation					
Respect for others' concerns					
Sense of group responsibility					
Emotional maturity					
Stability					
Sensitivity to diversity					
Adaptability/flexibility					
Problem solving skills					
Managing stressful situations					

Any additional comments that you would like to make about the applicant's participation in this overseas study activity would be helpful: