



American Language and Culture Course
4 Week Program
College of Staten Island, New York
Premium Package -All Expenses Included
Offered Year Round (Minimum of 10 students required)



PURPOSE:

The program introduces participants to American society, government, and education while enhancing their English language ability. Through academic programs, visits to public and private institutions, and social events with Americans, participants will become acquainted with individual Americans and with the American way of life.

THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND:

The College of Staten Island (CSI) is part of the City University of New York (CUNY), a large public university. It is located in the most suburban part of New York City on a beautiful campus. The College offers degrees at the associate (two years), bachelors (four years) and graduate levels in a variety of fields. In addition to the one-month intensive American Language and Culture Course, the English Language Institute (ELI) prepares students for full-time study at CSI. The College is known for its commitment to international education and has an array of international partnerships and programs around the world. The Center for International Service frequently trains personnel from foreign institutions and governmental ministries regarding US studies and higher education.

LOCATION:

Staten Island offers a quiet, beautiful suburban life-style close to the exciting urban center of Manhattan. The Island is four times the size of Manhattan and has a population of approximately 500,000, many of whom work in Manhattan and other “boroughs” of New York City. Staten Island is noted for its parks and recreational areas, in addition to several notable cultural sites. Manhattan is easily accessible by a 25-minute free ferry ride. A free CSI shuttle bus runs directly between CSI and the ferry terminal.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Courses will cover themes in American culture, education, business and government. Participants will understand American diversity and the underlying values Americans share and practice. Discussions and seminars help to integrate the information with their own experience in New York. The course runs from Monday through Thursday for 20 hours of instruction per week. Excursions are carefully planned and reinforced in the classroom.

Sample Syllabus:

Week 1

- Orientation Week
- Initial Assessments and Placements
- Culture in the United States
- Volunteerism in the United States
- Traditional and Contemporary Values in the U.S.
- Vocabulary and Idiom Review
- Manhattan Bus Tour

Week 2

- “English in Action” Community Engagement
- American History and Religious Heritage
- The U.S.- The Land of Abundance
- Vocabulary and Idiom Review
- Staten Island Tour

Week 3

- “English in Action” Community Engagement
- Business -Values and Ethics in the Workplace
- Politics – American Government
- Diversity in the US- Melting Pot or Not?
- Vocabulary and Idiom Review

Week 4

- “English in Action” Community Engagement
- American Educational System
- Leisure – Sports and Values and Health and Fitness
- Popular Culture, Media, and the Internet
- Excursion to Broadway Show
- Final Assessments

LANGUAGE TESTING

Participants will be tested and interviewed upon their arrival. Based on the results, the participants will be placed at the appropriate level. The language program includes classes in grammar, reading, writing, and communication skills. The American topics are integrated with language learning.

One of the goals of the program is to introduce participants to the rich resources of New York City and how to use them effectively. Field trips will include visits to sites of professional and cultural interest as well as local social gatherings. An introduction to New York City will include tours of Manhattan and Staten Island. These forays will provide an overview of the people, institutions, sites, and culture of the various local places. Visits will be arranged to athletic events, museums, and other cultural institutions. These excursions will be reinforced with classroom instruction.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Participants will stay in homestays on Staten Island in single accommodations (one person per room). Living in homestays will give participants a first-hand view of how Americans live. Breakfast and dinners daily will be available in the homestays. Lunches will be available from the college cafeteria or in restaurants on Staten Island and elsewhere at a reasonable cost. A Visa card will be included for participants to purchase their own lunches. Kitchen privileges may be arranged with homestay placements. All homestays will be accessible to the college and to the ferry or bus to Manhattan by public transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

Airport pick-up and drop-off from Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) is included in the program cost. Airport pick-up and drop-off from JFK airport is an additional \$100 per person. The Staten Island Ferry connecting Staten Island to Manhattan is free. A metro card for unlimited rides on subway and non-express buses is included in the program package cost.

ENGLISH IN ACTION:

The program includes “English in Action” community engagement in sites that welcome volunteers. Students have the opportunity to practice their English and interact with members of the local community. “English in Action” generally runs for three weeks, after an orientation about the community sites during the first week.

EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON, DC

The program includes a two-day excursion by deluxe motor coach transportation to Washington, DC. The excursion includes round-trip transportation by bus to Washington, DC from New York City, professional escort and tour of major highlights of the city (White House, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, etc.), 1 night’s hotel accommodation (two per room), full American breakfast buffet and all related taxes and gratuities.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Health insurance that meets the J-1 visa requirements is included in the program cost.

PROGRAM COST

The price of this premium package is \$5,552 per person.

Includes:

Welcome Orientation	Manhattan Bus Tour
Tuition and text books	Staten Island tour
Host family homestay	Broadway show
Tuition and text books	Cultural activities
All meals	Medical insurance
Administrative fee	Visa/Immigration Processing Fees
Community Engagement	Excursion to Washington, DC
Farewell Reception	Unlimited Monthly Subway/Bus card (non-express)

To reserve this Premium Package or for more information:

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