Mastering English Program: American Culture History & Arts

Summer 2017 | Session 2

July 24 - August 11, 2017

American Culture, History & Arts

For College Students & Adults

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 19
TUITION DEADLINE: JUNE 1
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The American Culture, History and Arts (ACHA) program is a professional English language and cultural training program that gives students the essential skills for success while exploring New York City alongside. The first week will focus on geography and architecture of New York City: with a focus on the development of the city as five boroughs as well as the importance of business and commerce. In the second week, students will learn about the arts in NYC and visit world famous visual and performing art venues. The program culminates with the final theme: history in NYC history where students will visit some of the city’s most famous landmarks, public spaces, and parks.

Course Goals:
- Converse comfortably and confidently in English with enhanced reading and oral comprehension
- Improved knowledge of English grammatical structures and idiomatic expressions
- Write and edit creative and expository pieces
- Learn about New York City culture, history and arts
- Employ oral communication strategies with a focus on appropriateness, pronunciation, articulation, intonation, stress and vocal projection

Curriculum

Morning Sessions

Students practice and enhance their writing, reading and oral communication skills in exploratory morning sessions.

Writing Skills: Students will showcase their writing and poetry class assignments in a final culminating event

Reading: Reading materials directly align with the topic of each day with a specific focus on tone, grammar, word choice, and language structure

Oral Communication: Through interactive exercises, group tasks and role plays, students will master the art of conservation in various settings: one-on-one dialogues, group interactions, and social events

Dynamic Afternoon Activities

ACHA is a course taught both in a formal classroom setting and outside of it. Throughout the program, classes and experiential learning activities, trips, tours, and excursions around NYC will focus on varying topics related to the weekly theme. Participants will gain language tools to navigate the city and interact with real New Yorkers. The goal of the program is to give participants a rich and varied experience in New York City culture and English language.

Teaching Approach

ALI classes subscribe to a communicative, interactive, task-based approach to English language learning, and employ the best teaching practices of the ESL profession. Topics include: mastering relevant vocabulary and idioms, listening skills, note taking, small group discussion, participation strategies, writing and speaking and presentation skills. Through using English in real situations and relevant activities, participants gain confidence in the language and communicating fluently with others.
## WEEK 1: GEOGRAPHY AND ARCHITECTURE OF NEW YORK CITY

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<td>Chelsea High Line Tour &amp; The Whitney Museum Tour</td>
<td>Tour of Street Art in Brooklyn</td>
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## WEEK 3: THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF NEW YORK CITY

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*The curriculum and activities are indicative only and may be subject to change.*
Important Program Information

Tuition & Fees
All tuition and fees information can be found on our website at sps.nyu.edu/ali or please email us at alimasteringenglishnyc@nyu.edu for more information.

English Language Assessment
You will be required to complete a brief English language assessment online prior to your arrival. Please check your email for more information.

Health Insurance
Proof of health insurance is required and must be submitted prior to the start of the program. We recommend students use an American based health insurance company and students will be provided with information regarding suggested companies.

Airport Transportation
NYU does not provide transportation to and from the airport. Students will be responsible for making their own arrangements. Please contact us for suggestions.

Subway and Public Transport
Most of the travel to and from activities will take place via the Subway. Students will need a MetroCard to access transit. We suggest budgeting $31USD for a 7 day unlimited pass.

Visa
Please note that this program does not qualify for F-1 visa status. Please consult your local American embassy for entrance requirements.

Housing
During the summer, New York University offers safe, convenient, and affordable housing at an NYU residence hall. NYU’s residence halls are located in some of the most vibrant neighborhoods of New York City. NYU requires meal plans for all high school students residing in the residence halls. For housing rates please visit the summer housing website at http://www.nyu.edu/summer/housing/ under long term group option. A $500 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a space in housing.

Program Activities:
All program activities listed as “ALI ACTIVITIES” in the schedule are arranged by the ALI and are included in the fees of the program and are subject to change due to ticket availability, weather, or any unforeseen circumstances. Fees are non-refundable. Transportation to and from activities is not included in the fees of the program. Activities offer students the chance to practice their English language skills outside of the classroom and we encourage all students to attend. All program activities are required. If you are unable to attend please contact your group chaperone or alimasteringenglishnyc@nyu.edu.
The NYU SPS ALI Mastering English Program is a dynamic short-term English language program, offering a wide range of English language courses and cultural learning experiences for international high school and college students, working professionals, and adult learners. The program's location, in the heart of New York City, provides incomparable access to the cultures of the world. We extend our classroom to the streets, offering you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the language and the culture with ease and accuracy. The Mastering English Program is offered in the summer and winter sessions.

**Summer 2017 Course Information**

**Summer 2017: Session 1: July 6, 2017 - July 21, 2017**
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| English Lifelong Learning        | Summer Session 1         | Adult Learners                                        |
The Mastering English Program at NYUSPS ALI offers a variety of options for English language study during the summer.

Course Descriptions

**American Culture, History & Arts**
- Students practice and enhance their written communication skills in exploratory workshops and interactive exercises.
- Reading materials directly align with the topic of each day with a specific focus on tone, grammar, word choice, and language structure.
- Master the art of conversation in various settings: one-on-one dialogues, group interactions, and social events. Students will enhance their pronunciation, articulation, intonation, stress and vocal projection while also becoming more comfortable and confident in using relevant new words and expressions.

**Preparing for American Universities**
- This course focuses on the language skills needed to meet admissions standards and succeed at an American university. Topics include: on-campus interviewing, writing the personal statement, mastering relevant vocabulary and idioms, lecture listening, note taking, small group discussion, participation strategies, writing and speaking creatively about campus topics of interest, and presentation skills.
- Through engaging role-plays, web-based activities, and open houses, students will become more proficient and confident in expressing themselves to American students and admissions representatives.

**Global Business Leadership**
- Professional, English language and cultural training program that gives students the skills necessary to succeed in today's global business environment.
- Focus on business communication and cross-cultural techniques, paying particular attention to word choice, presentation skills, memos, cover letters, interviewing skills, and cultural considerations in a global economy.
- Students enrolled in this program will benefit from the insight of distinguished guest lecturers of the NYU School of Professional Studies in the following areas: marketing and public relations; finance, leadership, and human capital management; and entrepreneurship.

**Academic English Boot Camp**
- Students overcome specific trouble areas in speaking, listening, grammar, and writing.
- Diagnostic assessment helps teachers identify the specific needs of each student.
- With personalized attention through focused exercises and activities, students will leave this program with increased confidence, accuracy, and fluency in English language skills.
- Clinics and workshops are combined to provide students a rigorous and rewarding academic English language program.

**English Lifelong Learning**
- English language and cultural training program for adult learners that includes classroom instruction, seminars on New York City, and tailored workshops in English language skills.
- Students will develop the essential language tools to navigate the city and interact with New Yorkers.