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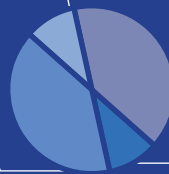
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# AMERICAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE

## Stanford University & San Francisco

analyzing sociocultural issues, especially current social issues in the San Francisco and Silicon Valley area. Extracurricular activities, including volunteering with local organizations and visiting Silicon Valley companies, add a rich experiential element to the students' learning.

For over 40 years, the ALC program has brought East Asian students together to improve their English skills, experience the American university lifestyle, and build life-long international friendships.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### The American Language & Culture (ALC) Program

in Silicon Valley combines academic English classes with activities aimed at exploring contemporary American culture. The English classes, offered by the Stanford Language Center, are designed to improve students' oral communication in English and guide students in



Improve your academic English skills



Explore American culture & values



Build cross-cultural friendships



Gain confidence in using English



Experience the innovation of Silicon Valley

“The ALC program opened the door to a summer school with diverse students and opportunities for thorough English practice and social communication. ALC was exactly the kind of program I was longing for. And in fact, it turned out to be one of the best decisions I have ever made... Through the program I experienced that close human connections is what can make things different.”

- Heng (Denise) Tang, ALC participant



## WHY SAN FRANCISCO & SILICON VALLEY?

VIA hosts its programs for students from Asia in one of the most culturally and technologically vibrant locations in the world.

INNOVATION DIVERSITY  
STARTUPS STANFORD  
DESIGN THINKING SOCIAL CHANGE



## What will you do?



### ENGLISH CLASSES

Improve your academic English skills through classes and lectures. Receive 3 units of credit from Stanford University upon completion of the course.



### ORGANIZATION VISITS

Tour an innovative company in Silicon Valley to see the region's unique work culture. Volunteer at a non-profit to gain hands-on experience with American social issues.



### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Explore San Francisco, attend a major league baseball game, visit popular attractions, enjoy summer California beaches, and many more fantastic events.



### GUEST SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

Attend panels on social issues and participate in hands-on workshops to enhance your professional and intercultural skills.

## PROGRAM LOGISTICS



### WHERE WILL I STAY?

During the program you will stay in a dormitory on the Stanford campus to experience American university life. You will live with Stanford student coordinators and other participants from across Asia.



### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The program fee is \$7,350 (estimated) and includes: Stanford tuition (approximately \$3,700), dormitory housing, student meal plan, volunteer & organization visits, guest speakers, and workshops. It does not include: airfare, insurance, and optional activities.

# APPLY

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### QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT

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9:00 AM



ENGLISH CLASS

1:00 PM



COMPANY VISIT

3:00 PM



CULTURAL ACTIVITY

7:00 PM



CAREER PANEL

ALL DAY!



BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS

A Day in the Life