Bechtel International English Classes
2024 Winter Quarter
For Intermediate to Advanced Students

CLASSES RUN FROM: Monday, January 8th to Friday, March 15th. No classes on January 15th and February 19th.
Classes are open to Stanford foreign graduate students, foreign post-docs, scholars, and their family members.

TO REGISTER

ALL STUDENTS are requested to email the instructor of each class they want to take. Give each instructor the following information:
1) Your name and country of origin,
2) Your professional/educational background,
3) Your years of studying English,
4) Your affiliation to Stanford

PROCESS

- **IN PERSON CLASSES**: It's best to sign up online first, but you may go directly to the class at the assigned time and you will be accepted if there is room.
- **CLASSES ON ZOOM**: Teachers have Zoom accounts and will invite you to their classes after you contact them.
- There is no charge to take part in a class; all classes are free. Let your teacher know if you plan to miss a class.
- Go online to **CCISSTANFORDU.ORG** to read a full description of the classes.

Go to Zoom.com and take a free tutorial before you start a class.   QUESTIONS? Contact Tom at **tom@tomsteffi.com**

MONDAY

MEDIA AND THE U.S. CULTURE – Learn through reading and discussion how media: print, film, TV, and radio shape American culture.   **ENGLISH CLASSROOM**

10:30AM – 12:00 PM   M. GASPICH   **mgbayarea@proton.me**

CALIFORNIA TRAVEL & HISTORY —Discover places to visit for a weekend getaway or a great vacation. Lots of videos and info on California travel.   **ENGLISH CLASSROOM**

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM   BOB JONES   **porsche.bob@sbcglobal.net**

TUESDAY

IDIOMS AND MORE—Students will bring to class the idioms they encounter in the course of their daily lives, either in a list or in a sample illustration of their use and share them with the other students each week. There will also be handouts given out in class that contain common idioms which we will practice and possibly use for speaking and writing exercises. Writing exercises for homework are optional.
                                                                                    ENGLISH CLASSROOM
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM   MARYANN SAUNDERS   **mabrooklyn2013@gmail.com**

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT! - Short readings chosen by the students will set the stage for analyzing and presenting topics of current interest. Homework is required.   **ENGLISH CLASSROOM**

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM   MARYELLEN HORWATH   **maryellenhorwath@gmail.com**

WEDNESDAY

CONVERSATION GALORE- Practice your speaking & listening skills in this friendly guided conversation class touching on a range of subjects.   **ZOOM CLASS**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM   LAURIE SEIDLER   **laurie.seidler@rocketmail.com**

THURSDAY

AMERICAN CUSTOMS & INSTITUTIONS—Develop your small talk into more meaningful discussions in this interactive conversation class about your culture and the US culture. There will be opportunities to make presentations about your culture in class.   **ZOOM CLASS**

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM   STEFFI BUCH   **steffi@tomsteffi.com**

ISSUES IN AMERICAN CULTURE—Learn new vocabulary and phrases through the use of videos, slides and discussion while being introduced to the major cultural and political issues facing Americans. Each week, you will be presented with a different topic. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions, comment and discuss the topic with the other classmates. A vocabulary list that accompanies each topic will be emailed to students a few days before each class. Some topics as they relate to America are: education, poverty, the "middle class", health care, "gun culture", immigration, foreign policy, ethnic and religious diversity and more.
                                                                                    ZOOM CLASS
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM   TOM & STEFFI BUCH   **tom@tomsteffi.com**

AMERICAN PRONUNCIATION & LISTENING—Students will practice both listening and speaking American English everyday speech, with a focus on linking.   **ENGLISH CLASSROOM**

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM   LORI REESER   **loriree@netwiz.net**

FRIDAY

PRACTICAL ENGLISH-THROUGH -EXERCISES WORKSHOP— Increase your English proficiency through an exploration of grammatical structures.via worksheets and online resources.   **ZOOM CLASS**

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM   INGRID ROGERS   **ingridNRogers@gmail.com**