

*International Hospitality Committee (IHC): Welcoming and Connecting International Visitors  
with our Local Community since 1952.*

**English Conversation Classes/Friendship Groups/Discussion Groups  
Spring 2024**

These are informal groups of international men and women who meet to gain practical experience speaking English. Classes and groups are FREE, but regular attendance is encouraged. The times and dates vary, so please check the schedule carefully. No classes during the spring break (March 11-15). Also, please email teacher/group leader to register for each class and to get more information. For more information on these classes, or about inexpensive private English tutoring, please email Vivienne Mackie, [vivienne.mackie@gmail.com](mailto:vivienne.mackie@gmail.com)

You can also find us on **Facebook** at International Hospitality Committee. We'd love for you to join us.

**Monday Sewing Practice and Handicrafts(in-person)**

DAY: Mondays

PLACE: Orchard Down Learning Resource Center 2044-A. *(The 2044-A building is between the Laundry Building and Parking Lot F, please enter the classroom from the grass courtyard side, **not** the Orchard Street side. There's a bus stop in front of the building.)*

Address: 2044 S. Orchard St.,  
Apt 2044-A, Urbana, IL 61801

DATES: 1st and 3rd Mondays every month, starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

TIME: 1:30 pm -3pm

CONTACT: Ms. Christina Myers. Please email group leader if you are interested.

EMAIL: [ckmyers2@gmail.com](mailto:ckmyers2@gmail.com)

**DAY: Wednesday afternoon English Class(in-person)**

PLACE: 2044-A S. Orchard Street (in Orchard Downs)

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 2:00-3:30pm

DATES: Starting January 17 and ending May 8, 2024.

LEVEL: Intermediate

TEACHER: Ms. Vivienne Mackie

EMAIL: [vivienne.mackie@gmail.com](mailto:vivienne.mackie@gmail.com)

**Wednesday English Class (online)**

**This class is now cancelled. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

DAY: Wednesdays for 8 weeks

TIME: 5-6 pm

TEACHER: Ms. Sydney Wei

EMAIL: [srwei3@illinois.edu](mailto:srwei3@illinois.edu)

LEVEL: Any level is fine. If you have any TOEFL test questions, Ms. Sydney Wei is happy to answer them

NOTE: Please contact teacher for the Zoom link to these classes

**Thursday Friendship Group (in-person)**

DAY: Thursdays

TIME: 3:30-4:30 pm

DATE: January 18, 2024-May 16, 2024

PLACE: Latea, at 601 S. 6<sup>th</sup> street on campus

<https://www.latealounge.com/champaign>

NOTE: Buying something to drink is optional. You can also just attend.

LEVEL: Any level is fine. This is an informal group and a chance to meet some people and to chat.

CONTACT: Ms. Alexa Gordon

EMAIL: [alexa.gordon@intervarsity.org](mailto:alexa.gordon@intervarsity.org)

**Thursday Friendship Group—an Online Group**

DAY: Every Thursday (online)

TIME: 10:00-11:00 am

DATES; starting January 11, 2024

LEVEL: Any level is fine.

CONTACTS: Please contact Ms. Saiko Rosenberger to get the Zoom link  
EMAIL: [srsnbrgr@illinois.edu](mailto:srsnbrgr@illinois.edu)

### **International Book Club**

Please contact Ms. Adriana Rom for details about how to join online.

EMAIL: [adriana3400@gmail.com](mailto:adriana3400@gmail.com)

These are the books you will read and discuss:

February 17th "Cat's Cradle" Kurt Vonnegut Jr

April 6th "The Love hypothesis" by Ali Hazelwood.

May 25th "The song of Achilles" by MAdeline Miller.

**FACEBOOK:** Ask to join The Online Book Club (a private group of IHC)

### **Other opportunities to practice your English conversation and to meet other people**

#### **I. ETC COFFEE HOUSE**

1203 W. Green Street, Urbana, Wesley Foundation, corner of Green and Goodwin

CONTACT: Julie Dowler

Tel: 217-344-1120

Please contact Julie to check on spring dates.

#### **Fridays 4-6pm**

An opportunity for international discussions and casual refreshments with native speakers of English.

**2. Join your local LIBRARY**---check out books and audio books, ask a librarian questions about books, CDs, movies and more. To join, you need ID and proof of residence (such as an account in your name with your local address)

#### **3. Krannert Uncorked**

##### **Thursdays 5-7pm**

This is held in the lobby of the Krannert Center for Performing Arts, Goodwin St, Urbana (on campus)

Free music 2-3 times a month, when it takes place. Drinks available for purchase. Check the Krannert Center website for dates and details. It seems that the first session might be February 1, 2024

<https://krannertcenter.com/events/krannert-center-uncorked-afro-d-and-global-soundwaves>

**4. An English class offered by All Nations Baptist Church**

Dates: January 22-May 6, 2022 (no class February 5 or March 11.

Time: 9:30-11:00 am

Place: 2044A S. Orchard Street (Orchard Downs)

Level: Intermediate-advanced

Teacher. Mr. Lawson Lau

Email: [LawsonLlau@gmail.com](mailto:LawsonLlau@gmail.com)

Note: a text book is required for this class.

Contact teacher for details.

**5. Project Read**, organized by Parkland College Meet on Mondays at Urbana Free Library 9:30-11:30 am, or

Meet at Champaign Public Library on Fridays 9:30-11:30am

For more information email Project

[READ@parkland.edu](mailto:READ@parkland.edu)

**6. Classes at First Presbyterian Church**  
Contact Bonnie Ward for more details.

Email: [bonnie@firstpres.church](mailto:bonnie@firstpres.church)

GOOD LUCK, AND HAVE A GREAT SPRING.

Thanks,

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