

*IHC: Welcoming and Connecting International Visitors
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**English Conversation Classes/Friendship Groups
Spring 2021**

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS AND THE POLICIES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND OF THE CDC (CENTER OF DISEASE CONTROL) ALL OUR IHC PROGRAMS AND CLASSES ARE ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE, AND HOPE WE CAN START WITH IN-PERSON CLASSES AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE---MAYBE SOMETIME LATER IN THE SPRING.

These are informal groups of international men and women who meet to gain practical experience speaking English. Classes/groups are FREE, but regular attendance is encouraged. Dates vary, so please check each one carefully. All will be on Zoom. Please email teacher to ask about each class and to get information on downloading Zoom if you don't already have it, and to get the Zoom link. For more information on these classes, or about inexpensive private English tutoring, please email Vivienne Mackie, vivienne.mackie@gmail.com

Please keep checking, because we may be able to add another class later in the spring. Please also check us out on FaceBook (International Hospitality Committee).

Monday English Class

DAY: Mondays

TIME: 10:00-11:30am

DATES: From February 1-May 3, 2021

PLACE: Any place where you have an internet connection.

LEVEL: Intermediate

CONTACT: Ms. Dee Chen

EMAIL: xinleic2@illinois.edu

Wednesday English Class

DAY: Wednesdays

TIME: 10-11:30am

DATES: From February 3-May 5, 2021

PLACE: Any place where you have an internet connection.

LEVEL: Intermediate

CONTACT: Ms. Vivienne Mackie

EMAIL: vivienne.mackie@gmail.com

Monday Friendship/Discussion Group

DAY: Mondays

TIME: 6-7pm

DATES: starting January 11, 2021

PLACE: Somewhere comfortable on your computer/tablet/phone

LEVEL: Any level is fine. This is an informal group.

The important thing is to communicate with others, even if we can't talk face-to-face right now

CONTACT: Ms. Tajin Ahmed

EMAIL: ahmed40@illinois.edu

Wednesday Friendship Group

DAY: Wednesdays

TIME: 5pm

DATES: Starting February 3, 2021

PLACE: anywhere you are comfortable on your computer/tablet/phone

LEVEL: Any level is fine. This is an informal group and a chance to meet some people and to chat, even if we can't meet in person right now. Please email Mr. Todd Epps for details about how to connect.

CONTACT: Mr. Todd Epps

EMAIL: tgepps@gmail.com

Thursday Friendship Group

DAY: Thursdays

TIME: 10:00-11:00 am

DATES: starting January 7, 2021

PLACE: Somewhere comfortable on your computer/tablet/phone

LEVEL: Any level is fine. This is an informal group.

The important thing is to communicate with others, even if we can't talk face-to-face right now. A number of native English speakers are involved.

CONTACT: Ms. Saiko Rosenberger

EMAIL: srsnbrgr@illinois.edu

Friendship Group that will have flexible dates/times (but probably on Saturdays)

Anyone interested in meeting to talk, have Q and A, meet a few other people, have a walk in a park.

Please **CONTACT:** Ms. Christina Myers

EMAIL: ckmyers2@gmail.com

She will discuss the arrangements with you.

Please remember to wear a mask each time when you are meeting someone.

Welcome to the USA and stay safe!

International Online Book Club

A group has formed an informal book club that will be meeting at 5pm on the following dates.

The reading list for spring so far is as follows.

Breakfast at Tiffany's, by Truman Capote

Meeting dates: **

CONTACT: Ms. Adriana Rom. She will tell you about future books and dates.

EMAIL: adriana3400@gmail.com

FACEBOOK GROUP: The online book club

Don't worry if you can't finish the readings for each meeting, as the idea is to discuss general topics based on the book.

Other Opportunities to Speak English and to Meet People

The Wesley Church on the corner of Goodwin and Green Streets on campus has 3 online activities.

Every Tuesday - International Reading Group for Advanced ESL Learners:

The Wesley Student Center hosts an International Reading Group (for Advanced ESL learners) on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/604749842?pwd=bHdkbnRKdzBMRERIZzdEaXExbmt5QT09> Meeting ID: 604 749 842; Passcode: 347562) every Tuesday at 10am to read and discuss current articles, improve English pronunciation, and expand vocabulary. Questions? Email Dave Mies at dwmies@gmail.com, and be sure to join our Wesley ESL & Coffeehouse Friends group on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/107902193155578>) to learn more!

Every Friday - ESL Class, beginning Jan. 29th:

The Wesley Student Center will begin the spring session of our ESL class Friday, January 29th, from 3-4pm, on Zoom

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82152926426?pwd=NHoWRTNhNXNpYVNSTERoS1J2R2UyUT09> Meeting ID: 821 5292 6426; Passcode: 836757). This class is for beginning through advanced students, and is free for everyone. We invite international students, visiting scholars, family members, and community friends to join us as we practice English, meet new people, and learn about American culture. Questions? Contact our campus minister Julie (jdowler@wesleyui.org) for more information.

Every Friday - International Coffeehouse, beginning Jan. 29th:

International Coffeehouse resumes January 29th, and we'd love to have you join us! American & international students, visiting scholars, Wesley members & community friends are invited for an hour of conversation each Friday on Zoom from 5-6pm (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/233849063?pwd=Q1d2SDJOa01JNmN2VmhTK2ZZK0FZdz09> Meeting ID: 233 849 063; Password: 113540). Bring your own coffee/tea to enjoy as we catch up from the week, improve conversation skills, make new friends, and celebrate our various cultures. Find additional information about our schedule on the Etc. Coffeehouse Facebook page. We look forward to

seeing you as we gather the world around our virtual table!

GOOD LUCK, AND HAVE A GOOD SPRING

Hope to see you in later in the spring (maybe even in person).

Thanks,

Vivienne Mackie

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