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

English Conversation Classes/Friendship Groups/Discussion Groups
Fall 2023 (Rev B 8/20/23)

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. In the fall, the times and dates vary, so please check the schedule carefully. No classes during the Thanksgiving break (November 19-24). 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

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

Monday Sewing Practice Sessions
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,
Starts August 21, 2023
TIME: 1:30 pm -3pm
CONTACT: Ms. Christina Myers
must RSVP at ckmyers2@gmail.com
*No classes on 9/18/23 and 10/2/23

Monday Mahjong, Hwatu, and Friendship
DAY: Mondays

Street side. There’s a bus stop in front of the building.)
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Tuesday afternoon English Discussion Group (in-person)
DAY: Tuesday
DATES: starting September 5, 2023
TIME: 2:30-4:00pm
PLACE: In the lobby of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on campus. Look for a table with IHC on a card, somewhere near the Intermezzo Café.
LEVEL: Any level is fine. If you have any TOEFL test questions, Ms. Sydney Wei is happy to answer them
LEADER: Ms. Sydney Wei
EMAIL: srwei3@illinois.edu

Day: Wednesday afternoon English Class (in-person)
PLACE: 2044A S. Orchard Street (in Orchard Downs)
DAY: Wednesday
TIME: 2:00-3:30pm
DATES: Starting September 13, 2023 and ending December 13, 2023
LEVEL: Intermediate
TEACHER: Ms. Vivienne Mackie
EMAIL: vivienne.mackie@gmail.com

**Wednesday Friendship Group (in-person)**
DAY: Wednesdays
TIME: 3:30-4:30 pm
DATE: Starting August 30, for the whole semester
PLACE: Latea, at 601 S. 6th street on campus
[https://www.latealounge.com/champaign](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

**Thursday Friendship Group—an Online Group**
DAY: Every Thursday (online)
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am
DATES: starting August 17, 2023 until December 14, 2023
LEVEL: Any level is fine.
CONTACTS: Please contact Ms. Saiko Rosenberger to get the Zoom link
EMAIL: srsnbrgr@illinois.edu

**Some Saturday afternoons**
LEARN ENGLISH, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND PLAY BOARD GAMES
DATES: Saturday September 23, 2023, and Saturday November 11, 2023
TIME: 3:00-4:30 PM
PLACE: Twin City Bible Church (TCBC), 806 W. Michigan Ave (on the east side of Lincoln Ave, opposite Illini Grove). Enter the building on Michigan Ave and go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall (there will be a sign).
INFORMATION: IHC will provide snacks and board games, but feel free to bring more snacks and board games to share.
CONTACT: Ms. Adriana Rom
EMAIL: adriana3400@gmail.com

**International Book Club**
Our informal book club will not be meeting in the fall. We will meet again next spring.
If you have questions, please contact Ms. Adriana Rom.
EMAIL: adriana3400@gmail.com
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**

1. **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 fall hours.
**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. Start date seems to be September 14, 2023.
https://krannertcenter.com/events/krannert-uncorked-b-sides

GOOD LUCK, AND HAVE A GREAT FALL.
Thanks,
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