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
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 15th, 2024
TIME: 1:30 pm -3pm
CONTACT: Ms. Christina Myers. Please email group leader if you are interested.
EMAIL: 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

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
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. 6th 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

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.

Wednesday English Class (online)
CONTACTS: Please contact Ms. Saiko Rosenberger to get the Zoom link
EMAIL: srsnbrgr@illinois.edu

International Book Club
Please contact Ms. Adriana Rom for details about how to join online.
EMAIL: 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

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 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

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
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

6. Classes at First Presbyterian Church
Contact Bonnie Ward for more details.
Email: bonnie@firstpres.church

GOOD LUCK, AND HAVE A GREAT SPRING.
Thanks,
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