

# BECHTEL INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES

## AUTUMN QUARTER 2018



### **FOR INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED STUDENTS**

CLASSES BEGIN: Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and end Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

No classes during the week of November 19-23<sup>rd</sup> - Thanksgiving Holiday.

- Classes are open to Stanford foreign students, foreign post-doctoral scholars, and their family members.
- Register ONCE for the program in the first class you attend. Simply go to a class at the indicated starting time.
- There is no tuition charge. PLEASE BE ON TIME. Also, please arrange childcare for babies and children.
- Students may take more than one class. Any questions- call Mary Ann Saunders at 650 854-2840.
- BEGINNING STUDENTS should contact Adult Education programs. These classes are also free of charge. Call 329-3752 in Palo Alto; in Menlo Park, call Sequoia Adult Ed at 306-8866; in Mountain View, call 940-1333

#### **MONDAYS:**

**I. LEARN ENGLISH THROUGH AMERICAN HISTORY** - students will practice listening, speaking and vocabulary skills by examining key events in America's history.

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM                      AMY SIMS                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

**II. CALIFORNIA TRAVEL AND HISTORY**- find out about the places to visit for a weekend getaway or a great vacation as well as learn about the history of the location.

10:40 AM - 12:15 PM                      BOB JONES                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

**III. PRACTICAL ENGLISH FOR DAILY LIVING** - learn how to express yourself clearly and confidently when going shopping, eating out, making phone calls, etc.

1:30 PM- 3:00 PM                      SANDY MCKAY                      ASSEMBLY ROOM

#### **TUESDAYS:**

**IV. AMERICAN LIFE AND HUMOR**- discuss current issues and lifestyles, view videos, and compare U.S. humor with humor in your country. Have fun while learning English!

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM                      TOM & STEFFI BUCH                      ASSEMBLY ROOM

**V. AMERICAN IDIOMS AND ISSUES**- presentation and practice of common idioms: reading, writing, pronunciation skills and discussion compose class activities. Small fee for materials.

10:40 AM - 12:15 PM                      MARY ANN SAUNDERS                      ASSEMBLY ROOM

**VI. INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN SHORT STORY** - read-aloud stories taught in U.S. schools; improve your vocabulary & discussion skills. Small fee for materials.

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM                      LORI REESER                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

**VII. AMERICAN CUSTOMS AND INSTITUTIONS** - a survey of American culture and traditions.

9:00 AM- 10:30 AM                      KAREN SORTINO                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

**VIII. ENGLISH PRACTICE THROUGH JOURNALS** - discuss excerpts from letters, diaries and autobiographies from Colonial times to the present.

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10:40 AM - 12:15 PM                      INGRID ROGERS                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

**IX. FUNCTIONS OF AMERICAN ENGLISH**- practice your conversation skills, and gain confidence while learning what to say in different situations in American life. 0

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM                      LAURIE SEIDLER                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

#### **THURSDAYS:**

**X. COMMUNICATING ACROSS CULTURES** - discuss differences in national cultures to better understand how these differences influence everyday communication.

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM                      STEFFI BUCH                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

**XI. MEDIA AND THE U.S. CULTURE** - learn how media, electronic and print, affects U.S. culture, followed by group discussion.

10:40 AM - 12:15 PM                      M. GASPICH                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

**XII. BUSINESS WORKSHOP** - build proficiency and confidence in your spoken English by discussing problems faced by American companies. No prior business experience necessary.

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM                      ED LOIZEAUX                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM