

# Bechtel International English Classes

## Spring Quarter 2019

### For Intermediate to Advanced Students



CLASSES BEGIN: Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and end Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.

No class Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day)

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 650-329-3752 in Palo Alto; in Menlo Park, call Sequoia Adult Ed at 650-306-8866; in Mountain View, call 650-940-1333

#### MONDAYS

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

THE LAST MEETING OF THIS CLASS IS ON APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>.

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                                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

#### 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                                      ENGLISH CLASSROOM

VI. INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN SHORT STORY – practice your English and 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 POTPOURRI- this is a five-week class on various elements of English based on student input: grammar, conversation, culture, writing, and more.

THIS CLASS BEGINS ON MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>.

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

IX. BOOK CLUB CLASS- teacher led reading of the American classic THE GREAT GATSBY by F Scott Fitzgerald, Scribner Edition. Come to class with the book.

THE LAST MEETING OF THIS CLASS IS ON MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>.

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM                                      MARYELLEN HORWATH                                      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