



# Bechtel International English Classes

## 2023 Spring Quarter

### For Intermediate to Advanced Students

CLASSES RUN FROM: Monday, April 3rd through Friday, June 9th (except for Memorial Day, May 29th).

Classes are open to Stanford foreign graduate students, foreign post-docs, scholars, and their family members.

#### TO REGISTER

**FOR ZOOM CLASSES**, students MUST email the instructor of each class you want to take. Give each instructor the following information:

- 1) your name and country of origin, 2) your professional/educational background, 3) years of English instruction, 4) who you live with, 5) anything else about yourself it would be helpful to know.

#### PROCESS

- Three teachers plan to meet in the English classroom. One teacher offers a hybrid approach: some Zoom classes and some in person classes. Some classes are exclusively on Zoom.
- Teachers have Zoom accounts and will invite you to their classes. Students do not have to have a Zoom account to join the classes.
- There is no charge to take part in a class; all classes are free. Let your teacher know if you plan to miss a class.
- We believe that student participation is essential for dynamic classes.

Go to [Zoom.com](https://zoom.com) and take a free tutorial before you start a class. QUESTIONS? Contact Tom Buch at [tom@tomsteffi.com](mailto:tom@tomsteffi.com)

#### MONDAY

**CALIFORNIA TRAVEL & HISTORY**—Discover places to visit for a weekend getaway or great vacation. Lots of videos and info on California travel. **MEET IN THE ENGLISH CLASSROOM**  
REGISTER IN CLASS

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

BOB JONES

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**SHORT STORY CLASS**—Read a classic American short story with a teacher led discussion. The teacher will email the short story to all registered students before class. **ZOOM CLASS**

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

MARYELLEN HORWATH

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#### TUESDAY

**ISSUES IN AMERICAN CULTURE**—We will present current and historical issues facing Americans. Students will be able to engage in discussion and share their unique cultural viewpoints. **ZOOM CLASS**

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

TOM & STEFFI BUCH

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**IDIOMS AND MORE**—You must purchase this book: *365 American Idioms; An Idiom a Day by Michael Di Giacomo* (\$9.29 on Amazon). Learn and practice common idioms. **HYBRID CLASS**

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

MARYANN SAUNDERS

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#### THURSDAY

**AMERICAN CUSTOMS & INSTITUTIONS**—An interactive discussion about American culture and your country's culture and traditions. **ZOOM CLASS**

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

STEFFI BUCH

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**MEDIA AND THE U.S. CULTURE**—learn through reading and discussion how media: print, film, TV, and radio shape American culture. **MEET IN THE ENGLISH CLASSROOM**

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

M. GASPICH

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**AMERICAN PRONUNCIATION & LISTENING**—Students will practice both listening and speaking American English everyday speech, with a focus on vowels. **MEET IN THE ENGLISH CLASSROOM**

1:15 PM – 2:34 PM

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