



# Bechtel International English Classes

## 2023 Winter Quarter

### For Intermediate to Advanced Students

CLASSES RUN FROM: Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> (No classes on Mondays -Jan 16<sup>th</sup> & Feb 20<sup>th</sup>)  
Classes are open to Stanford foreign graduate students, foreign post-docs, scholars, and their family members.

#### TO REGISTER

Students, please *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. Two want a hybrid approach: some Zoom classes and some in person classes and some classes are on Zoom exclusively.
- Teachers have Zoom accounts and will invite you to their classes. Students do not have to have a Zoom account to join the classes. Please read class descriptions carefully.
- 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)

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**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**  
**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**      **BOB JONES**      [porsche.bob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:porsche.bob@sbcglobal.net)

**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.      **HYBRID CLASS**  
**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**      **MARYELLEN HORWATH**      [maryellenhorwath@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenhorwath@gmail.com)

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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**      [tom@tomsteffi.com](mailto:tom@tomsteffi.com)

**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**      [mabrooklyn2013@gmail.com](mailto:mabrooklyn2013@gmail.com)

**GRAMMAR WORKSHOP** - This class will explore grammatical structures through online exercises, worksheets, readings, and directed writing. Students can suggest other grammar topics.      **ZOOM CLASS**  
**1:15 PM – 2:45 PM**      **INGRID ROGERS**      [ingridnrogers@gmail.com](mailto:ingridnrogers@gmail.com)

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**THURSDAY**      **AMERICAN CUSTOMS & INSTITUTIONS**—An interactive discussion about the cultures and traditions of America and your country.      **ZOOM CLASS**  
**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**      **STEFFI BUCH**      [steffi@tomsteffi.com](mailto:steffi@tomsteffi.com)

**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**  
**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**      **M. GASPICH**      [mgbayarea@proton.me](mailto:mgbayarea@proton.me)

**AMERICAN PRONUNCIATION & LISTENING**—Students will practice both listening and speaking American English everyday speech, with a focus on linking.  
**FOR THIS CLASS ONLY:**      **MEET AND REGISTER IN THE ENGLISH CLASSROOM**  
**1:15 PM – 2:45 PM**      **LORI REESER**      [loriree@netwiz.net](mailto:loriree@netwiz.net)