



Bechtel International English Classes

2026 Autumn Quarter

For Intermediate to Advanced Students

CLASSES RUN FROM: Tuesday, Sept. 22 through Friday, Dec. 5th (No classes Nov 23-27, Thanksgiving Holiday)
Classes are open to Stanford foreign graduate students, foreign postdocs, scholars, and their families.

TO REGISTER, Students MUST email the instructor of each class you want to take with the following information:

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| 1) your name and country of origin | 4) who you live with |
| 2) your professional and educational background | 5) your hobbies |
| 3) your affiliation with Stanford | 6) years of English instruction |

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- Please note below that some classes are on Zoom, or in the English classroom, or the Assembly Room at Bechtel.
- Some teachers have Zoom accounts and will invite you to their classes once you register. If you are new to Zoom, please go to Zoom.com and take a free tutorial.
- 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.
- **BEGINNING STUDENTS:** Contact Palo Alto Adult Education at 650-329-3752 for class information.

QUESTIONS? Contact MaryAnn Saunders at mateacher2026@gmail.com

MONDAY **ISSUES IN AMERICAN CULTURE** Expand your vocabulary and cultural knowledge through viewing videos and slides followed by group discussion. We will sometimes discuss how current events affect these issues. **ZOOM**
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM **STEFFI BUCH** steffi@tomsteffi.com

CONVERSATION AND MORE Are there situations you find yourself in and you don't know what to say or how to say it? Learn and practice how to express yourself with confidence. **CLASSROOM**
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM **MARTHA ELDERON** melderon@gmail.com

TUESDAY **IDIOMS AND MORE** Please purchase the book: *365 American Idioms; An Idiom a Day By Michael Di Giacomo (Can be purchased on Amazon.com)* Learn and practice common idioms. **ASSEMBLY ROOM**
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **MARYANN SAUNDERS** mateacher2026@gmail.com

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT! Short readings in class will set the stage for analyzing topics of current interest. Student participation and homework are required. **CLASSROOM**
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM **MARYELLEN HORWATH** maryellenhorwath@gmail.com

THURSDAY **WATCH, DISCUSS AND ENJOY!** Culturally meaningful American movies will be presented along with group discussion. You will learn about American culture, expand your vocabulary and idiom knowledge. **PLEASE NOTE:** Class is two hours long. A brief break will be offered. Students may bring a drink and a snack. **ASSEMBLY ROOM**
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM **TOM BUCH** tom@tomsteffi.com

MEDIA AND THE U.S. CULTURE Learn through reading and discussion how media (e.g. print, photography, film, TV, and radio) shapes American culture. **CLASSROOM**
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM **M. GASPICH** mgbayarea@proton.me

FRIDAY **ENGLISH WRITING PRACTICE** Students will journal at home in reaction to poems read in class. Their paragraphs will serve as a basis for cultural observations, discussion, and expansion of vocabulary and grammar skills. **ZOOM**
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM **INGRID ROGERS** IngridNRogers@gmail.com

FAMOUS SPEECHES WORKSHOP Expand vocabulary and improve listening and discussion skills by analyzing famous speeches. Students are encouraged to present speeches important to their culture or country. **ZOOM**
10:40 AM – 12:00 NOON **KEN ROGERS** hkrogers50@gmail.com