

*IHC: Welcoming and Connecting International Visitors  
with our Local Community since 1952.*

**English Conversation Classes/Friendship Groups  
Fall 2021**

As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting all parts of our lives, including classes and groups. We are happy that in the fall of 2021 we are able to offer some groups in person again. We will also have a couple that are still online, and one that will be a hybrid of online and in-person. Please note: we have to follow the guidelines of the University of Illinois, so whenever a group or class is indoors, all members need to wear a mask. Thanks for your understanding about this.

These are informal groups of international men and women who meet to gain practical experience speaking English. Classes are FREE, but regular attendance is encouraged. In general, classes start on September 7, 2021 and end December 10, 2021, but classes vary so please check carefully. No classes the week of Thanksgiving break 22-26 November, 2021. Please email teacher to register for each class and to get more information. For more information on these classes, or about inexpensive private English tutoring, please email Vivienne Mackie, [vivienne.mackie@gmail.com](mailto:vivienne.mackie@gmail.com). You can also find us on **Facebook** at International Hospitality Committee. We'd love for you to join us.

**A: At Orchard Downs**

*2044-A South Orchard Street, Urbana  
(Please enter the classroom from the grass courtyard  
side, not the Orchard Street side)  
The following classes/groups are at this address and they  
will be in-person:*

**DAY: Tuesday English Class**

TIME: 10:00-11:30am  
DATES: September 14-November 2, 2021  
LEVEL: Low intermediate--Intermediate  
TEACHER: Ms. Christa Knust  
EMAIL: [christaknust@gmail.com](mailto:christaknust@gmail.com)

**DAY: Tuesday English Discussion Group**

TIME: 5:30-7:00pm  
DATES: September 14-December 7, 2021  
LEVEL: Any level is fine. Children are welcome too.  
LEADERS: Ms. Esther Han, and Ms. Helen Din  
EMAIL: [helenldin@gmail.com](mailto:helenldin@gmail.com) and  
[esther.heeae@gmail.com](mailto:esther.heeae@gmail.com)

**DAY: Wednesday Friendship Group**

TIME: 6:00-7:30pm  
DATES: September 15-December 8, 2021  
LEVEL: Any level is fine. Children are welcome too.  
LEADERS: Ms. Angelica Sanchez, and Ms. Betty Zhen  
EMAIL: [anlsanchez@ucdavis.edu](mailto:anlsanchez@ucdavis.edu) and  
[Chenbettyh@gmail.com](mailto:Chenbettyh@gmail.com)

**DAY: Thursday English Class**

TIME: 6:00-7:30pm  
DATES: September 9-December 9  
LEVEL: Intermediate  
TEACHER: Ms. Rocio Fisher  
EMAIL: [rociofisher.k12@gmail.com](mailto:rociofisher.k12@gmail.com)

**DAY: Saturday Friendship Group**

TIME: 1-2:30pm *This group meets every 2nd and 4th  
Saturday in Orchard Downs, at 2044A S. Orchard Street  
(but not during Thanksgiving break)*  
DATES: starting August 28, 2021  
LEVEL: Any level is fine  
CONTACT: Christina Myers  
EMAIL: [ckmyers2@gmail.com](mailto:ckmyers2@gmail.com)  
***Please note*** this is for anyone interested in meeting to  
talk, have Q & A, meet a few other people, have a walk in  
a park sometimes.  
Ms. Christina Myers would like people to bring proof of  
Covid vaccination too.

**B: Wednesday English Class Online**

**DAY: Wednesday**  
TIME: 10-11:30am  
DATES: October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17 and  
December 1, 8  
LEVEL: Intermediate  
TEACHER: Ms. Vivienne Mackie. Please contact her for  
the Zoom link.  
EMAIL: [vivienne.mackie@gmail.com](mailto:vivienne.mackie@gmail.com)

**C: Thursday Friendship Group—an Online Group—but also meeting in-person once a month.**

**DAY: Every Thursday (online)**

TIME: 10:00-11:00am

DATES: August 19-December 9, 2021

LEVEL: Any level is fine.

CONTACTS: Please contact Ms. Saiko Rosenberger to get the Zoom link

EMAIL: [srsnbrgr@illinois.edu](mailto:srsnbrgr@illinois.edu)

**Friendship Group Lunch Meeting (in-person)**

DAY: the second Friday of every month (once a month)

TIME: noon

DATES: Starting September 10, 2021

PLACE: The Krannert Center Lobby, on campus (500 S. Goodwin Ave). There are tables near the Intermezzo Café. You can buy food there, or you can bring your own lunch.

LEVEL: Any level is fine. This is an informal group and a chance to meet some people and to chat and perhaps share some of your food/recipes.

CONTACT: Ms. Saiko Rosenberger

EMAIL: [srsnbrgr@illinois.edu](mailto:srsnbrgr@illinois.edu)

**D: A Hybrid Friendship Group**

**Tuesday Friendship Group**

DAY: Tuesdays

TIME: 4pm

DATES: Starting September 7, 2021

PLACE: The Illini Union, in the basement dining area near Qdoba; and anywhere you are comfortable on your computer/tablet/phone

LEVEL: Any level is fine. This is an informal group and a chance to meet some people and to chat, even if we can't always meet in person right now. Please email Mr. Todd Epps for details about how and where to connect.

CONTACT: Mr. Todd Epps

EMAIL: [tgepps@gmail.com](mailto:tgepps@gmail.com)

**E: Thursday Friendship Group (in-person)**

Thursday Friendship Group at Krannert

PLACE: Intermezzo Cafe

Address: Krannert Center for Performing Arts, 500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana

DATES: September 23, October 21, November 18, December 16 (Thursdays)

TIME: 5 - 6pm

CONTACT: Christina Myers

EMAIL: [Ckmyers2@gmail.com](mailto:Ckmyers2@gmail.com)

A Mask is required.

**F: Other opportunities to practice your English conversation and to meet other people**

**1. International Spouses Book Club**

A group has formed an informal book club that will be meeting regularly. The group still needs to plan a list of titles and when they will meet, so contact the group leader in the meantime.

PLEASE CONTACT: Adriana Rom.

EMAIL: [adriana3400@gmail.com](mailto:adriana3400@gmail.com)

FACEBOOK: Ask to join The Online Book Club (a private group of IHC)

**2. ETC COFFEE HOUSE**

1203 W. Green Street, Urbana, Wesley Foundation

CONTACT: Julie Dowler

EMAIL: [jdowler@wesleyui.org](mailto:jdowler@wesleyui.org)

Tel: 217-344-1120

**Fridays 4-6pm**, starting August 27<sup>th</sup> in-person

An opportunity for international discussions and casual refreshments with native speakers of English.

**3. Join your local LIBRARY**---check out books and audio books, ask a librarian questions about books, CDs, movies and more. To join, you need ID and proof of residence (like an account in your name with your local address)

**4. Krannert Uncorked**

Stay tuned to see if this event will return in the Fall. In the lobby of the Krannert Center for Performing Arts, Goodwin St, Urbana (on campus)

Free wine tasting most weeks and free music 2-3 times a month, when it takes place. We are not sure yet for the fall.

**Thursdays 5-7pm**

GOOD LUCK, AND HAVE A GREAT FALL.

Thanks,

Vivienne Mackie, [vivienne.mackie@gmail.com](mailto:vivienne.mackie@gmail.com)