This class supports the language and orientation needs of international graduate students, interns, scholars and family. Content focuses on expanding cultural awareness as well as enhancing fluency in conversational English through vocabulary development, interactive dialogues, presentations, readings and fun activities. We will also support ways for students to further enrich their lives, while at the URI campus, by participating in local events and exploring local venues.

DATES
Tuesdays, 6pm-8pm
Sept. 18-Dec. 11, 2018

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Time: September 18–December 11, 2018, Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm
Room: Quin Hall Room 314
Materials: Selected readings provided

Sept. 18: Introductions / Conversation Activity / Exploring the Concept of Culture.

Sept. 25: Recognizing the hidden aspects of cultures.

Oct. 2: Describing cultural differences and expectations.

Oct. 9: Understanding the “do’s and taboos” in U.S. American culture in the following three areas: at home, at school, in the community. Students create and give informal presentations on their cultures do’s and taboos in the same areas.

Oct. 16: Cultural sensitivity: Students become more aware of their own culture and its influence on their behavior in and outside of the classroom.

Oct. 23: The way we speak English. Focus on stress and intonation.


Nov. 6: Develop conversational skills in social settings: Describing art & careers.

Nov. 13: Rhode Island Food Excursion: Discuss and experience local flavor.

Nov. 20: No class - Holiday Recess Nov. 21 to Nov. 25 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 27: Strengthen skills in public speaking in groups of 4, students will select an important global issue (either in the U.S. or internationally) and discuss various ways they can address it in a speech.

Dec. 4: Students will collaborate in writing their speech based on last class. They will all practice orating their section of the speech (concentration on stress, intonation and delivery).

Dec. 11: Group Presentations, questions and answers. End of class celebration.

Note: Lesson plans may change depending on class interest 😊