Community English Course Offered by the URI International Center!

This class is an opportunity for international graduate students, interns, scholars, and family members to meet others and practice English.

An experienced instructor will teach conversation English and American culture, as well as give support with living in, and being part of, the URI community.

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<td>Every Wednesday, 5PM-7PM</td>
<td>Shelly O'Connor</td>
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<td>January 31- April 18, 2018</td>
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This class supports the language and orientation needs of international students, interns, scholars, family and friends. Content focuses on expanding cultural awareness as well as enhancing fluency in conversational English through vocabulary development, interactive dialogs, 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 outings and events.

Instructor: Shelley O’Connor swoconnor@uri.edu
Time: Wednesdays / 5:00pm-7:00pm / January 31- April 18, 2018
Materials: Selected readings provided.

Course Outline

**January 31**: Introductions, expectations and evaluations

**Feb 7**: Building conversational strategies 1: Prolonging conversations in English through the use of conjunctions such as linkers and connectors

**Feb 14**: Building conversational strategies 2: Filling in pauses and avoiding interruptions.

**Feb 21**: Developing vocabulary through word association activities

**Feb 28**: Agreeing and disagreeing skills in English

**March 7**: Developing conversational skills in discussing social issues / Rhythm in Phrases & Sentences.

**March 14**: No Class during Spring Break March 12-18

**March 21**: Acquire new vocabulary through four essential stages

**March 28**: Expanding your descriptive language

**April 4**: Narrating and performing stories / Intonation: Falling & Rising Tones

**April 11**: Impromptu speeches

**April 18**: Songs from around the world and End of Semester Party

Note: Lesson plans may change depending on class interest :)