

October 2009 Schedule of Classes and Workshops



International Center NEW YORK

L.I. – Low Intermediate
Int. – Intermediate
H.I. – High Intermediate
Adv. – Advanced

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

¶Tips for Success at Work & Beyond will NOT be held on 10/20.

◇◇American Life & History will NOT be held on 10/7.

¥¥Conversation will NOT be held on 10/3 and 10/10

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO CHAIRS AVAILABLE!

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Check our website before you come to the Center! Class cancellations and updates are now posted daily on the Center's website:
www.intlcenter.org

<u>OPEN CLASSES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>				
Small Group Discussion	11:00-12:25 PM	2	H.I.	Edward Spaeth
Conversation: Daily Press	12:30-1:55 PM	6	Int./H.I.	Sonia Omulepu
Funny Thing About English	1:00-1:55 PM	1-2	L.I.	Joe Lamb
Slang, Solutions & Stuff	2:00-2:55 PM	1-2	Int./H.I.	Terry Phelan
Conversation: Regional Cultures of the United States	3:00-4:55 PM	1	H.I./Adv.	David Allaband
The American People	3:00-4:25 PM	2	H.I./Adv.	Eileen Julian
Discussing Classical Music & American Songs	3:00-3:55 PM	3	Int.	Richard Cahn
U.S. History, Government & Law	4:00-5:55 PM	3	Adv.	Leo Gerber
Vocabulary in Use	4:30-6:25 PM	2	H.I.	Lori Buck
Reading & Discussing Literature	6:30-7:55 PM	1	Adv.	Chris Booth
<u>TUESDAY</u>				
Basic Idioms	12:00-12:55 PM	1-2	Int.	Phil Marcus
Reading and Discussing The Newspapers	1:00-2:25 PM	1	H.I.	Wendy Sherman
Reading Anecdotes	1:00-1:55 PM	2	Adv.	Maureen Dillon
Grammar in Use	1:00-1:55 PM	3	H.I.	Kathy Mele
Conversation	2:00-3:25 PM	2	Int./H.I.	Ron Klagsbrun
Grammar in Use	2:00-2:55 PM	3	H.I.	Kathy Mele
Tips for Success at Work & Beyond¶	3:30-4:55 PM	2	H.I./Adv.	Ann Collins
Family Traditions & Celebrations	3:30-4:25 PM	3	Int./H.I.	Luise Palace
America: Elections & Courts	5:00-5:55 PM	3	Adv.	Jonathan Altschuler
Conversation	6:00-6:55 PM	3	Int./H.I.	Sherri Lewis
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>				
Conversation	11:00-11:55 AM	1	Int.	Jack Richmond
Introduction to Writing	11:00-12:25 PM	2	Int./H.I.	Mildred Purdy
Pronunciation	11:00-11:55 AM	6	H.I.	Brad Smith
The Real New York	12:45-1:45 PM	1-2	H.I./Adv.	Donald Young
Pronunciation	2:00-3:25 PM	1	H.I.	Regina Brown
Reading & Conversation	2:00-3:25 PM	2	Int./H.I.	Ron Klagsbrun
American Life & History◇◇	3:00-4:25 PM	3	Adv.	Klaus Winter
Speak Up & Speak Out	4:30-5:25 PM	1-2	L.I.	Joe Lamb
Pronunciation	4:30-5:55 PM	3	H.I.	Nancy Hulst-Rubin
International Relations	6:00-7:55 PM	1	Adv.	John Bruschi
Opera Club	6:00-7:55 PM	3	H.I.	Roger Lothrop
<u>THURSDAY</u>				
Small Group Discussion	11:00-12:25 PM	2	H.I.	Edward Spaeth
Food, Kitchens and Cooking	12:00-1:55 PM	1	Int.	Petey Eisenberg
Reading and Discussing The Newspapers	12:00-1:25 PM	3	H.I.	Wendy Sherman
Fun With Grammar	12:00-1:55 PM	6	H.I.	Ann Black
Vocabulary & Pronunciation	1:00-1:55 PM	2	Int.	Ellie Adiel
Media, Entertainment, & Culture	2:00-3:25 PM	1	H.I./Adv.	Deepthi Welaratna
Small Group Conversation: Questions	2:00-2:55 PM	2	L.I./Int.	John Uss
Discussion: Money & Economy	4:00-5:55 PM	2	Adv.	Dave Quinn
U.S. History, Government & Law	4:00-5:55 PM	3	Adv.	Leo Gerber
English for Business	6:00-7:25 PM	2	H.I./Adv.	Pete Versage
Vocabulary in Use	6:00-6:55 PM	3	Int./H.I.	Ann Bramson
<u>FRIDAY</u>				
Reading Children's Literature	11:00-11:55 AM	1-2	L.I./Int.	Shawn Mullin
Conversation: Daily Press	12:30-1:55 PM	3	Int./H.I.	Sonia Omulepu
Pronunciation Practice	1:00-1:55 PM	1-2	L.I.	Joe Lamb
Small Group Conversation: Stories	2:00-3:15 PM	1-2	L.I./Int.	John Uss
Talking About America	3:30-4:25 PM	1-2	Int.	John Donal Quinn
The American People	4:00-5:25 PM	3	H.I./Adv.	Eileen Julian
Film Forum and Discussion	5:00-6:55 PM	6	Int./H.I.	Michael Chin & Richard Allen
<u>SATURDAY</u>				
Speak Easy	9:30-10:25 AM	2	Int.	Kyeong-sik Song
Discussion: Money & Economy	10:30-12:25 PM	3	Adv.	Dave Quinn
Small Group Discussion	11:00-12:25 PM	2	H.I.	Edward Spaeth
Conversation¥¥	12:30-1:55 PM	3	Int./H.I.	Susan Barry Cadoff
Reading Short Stories	12:30-1:55 PM	2	H.I.	Michael Finland
Phrasal Verbs	2:00-3:25 PM	3	Int./H.I.	David Orłowski

There is no sign up unless indicated. Sign up sheets are at the Information Desk.

Computer Skills

Introduction to Excel

Tues., 10/20 & Thurs., 10/22, 3-5 PM, Computer Lab, Bill Roth

Sign up required. Limited to 6. Please attend both sessions.

This workshop will include topics such as description and uses of spreadsheet software; key definitions; navigating spreadsheets; and entering text and data. Students will create income and expense spreadsheets, utilizing different formats. They will also create formulas containing relative and absolute references. Learn how to transform spreadsheets into charts, and how to print spreadsheets. Some homework will be assigned. **Please bring a flash drive if you have one.**

Photoshop Projects

Mon., 10/19 & 10/26, 3-5 PM, Computer Lab, Kazuko Uchida

Sign up required. Limited to 6. You only need to take one class.

Learn how to create original greeting cards, T-shirt designs, and other art projects in Photoshop, a leading software program used in advertising, publishing, and other information industries. You will learn how to adjust the color and shape of images, add specific phrases and logos, and use other features and functions of Photoshop.

Creating a Résumé in Microsoft Word

Wed., 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11 AM-12:55 PM, Computer Lab, Raymond Ramsaran

Sign up required. Limited to 4. Please attend all sessions.

This workshop will utilize Microsoft Word to help members create a résumé. The workshop leader will critique and provide detailed feedback on individual résumés. We will also look at job search websites such as monster.com, careerbuilder.com, and hotjobs.com and learn how to post our résumés online. **Please bring a paper copy of your résumé and/or a flash drive.**

Basic Computer

Wed., 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 3-5 PM, Computer Lab, Mel Hoffman

Sign up required. Limited to 4. Please attend all sessions.

This workshop will cover the basic skills one needs to work on a computer: mouse skills, opening and saving a document, saving to a floppy disk and to the hard drive, what the Internet is and how to access it. This course is part lecture and part hands-on practice.

Career Skills

Career Skills Workshop

Mon., 10/5, 10/19, 6:30-7:55 PM, Rm. 2, Kate Sweeney

No sign up required.

This workshop will help you write a more effective résumé, create an inventory of skills and interests, design a networking strategy, and plan and implement your job search. Please bring a copy of your current résumé to the first class.

Résumé Writing & Interview Skills Workshop with J.P. Morgan Chase

Sat., 10/24, 11 AM-2 PM

Sign up required plus a \$10 deposit. Limited to 12.

Workshop leaders from J.P. Morgan Chase, a leading investment bank, will provide advice on résumé building, job-search strategies, and interview preparation. Volunteers will critique and provide detailed feedback on individual résumés and give tips on what you need to know and how to prepare for a job interview. They will also conduct and critique mock interviews, give detailed feedback, and provide sample interview questions. **Please note:** These consultations will help you with your interviewing skills only. This is not an interview for a job.

Academic Skills

Math Consultations

Thurs., 10/22, 4-6 PM, Conversation area, Vera Rozenberg

Sign up required. Limited to 4.

Math instructor Vera Rozenberg offers individual consultations to members and volunteers who need help with math. Vera will review math basics, explain math terminology, and provide challenging practice problems. If you are preparing for the GRE or GMAT exams, or just want to brush up on your math skills, sign up for a consultation with Vera.

Vocabulary & Idioms Workshop

Fri., 10/2 & 10/16, 12-12:55 PM, Rm. 6, Joan Klips

Sign up required. Limited to 12. Please attend both sessions.

In this workshop, students will be reading dialogues and learning new vocabulary and American idioms as they are used in context.

Test Preparation Strategies Workshop

Thurs., 10/22 & 10/29, 1-2:55 PM, Elaine Roberts & Shawn Mullin

Sign up required in the Program Office. Limited to 10. Members must attend both sessions.

This is a two-part workshop on preparing for standardized tests. We will focus on study habits, writing and speaking exercises, and familiarizing yourself with common test formats and questions.

New York Life Skills

New York Immigrant Experience and Culture

Tues., 10/6 & 10/20, 6-7:25 PM, Rm. 1, Lia Minkoff

NO sign up required.

In this workshop, members discuss legal and cultural issues related to being an immigrant in New York. Topics include ways to bring your culture to New York; fusion cuisine; culture clashes with New York laws; and immigration policy. We will also discuss the idea of the melting pot; patriotism; immigration and emigration; as well as what it means to be an American.

Individual Immigration Consultations

Tues., 10/13, 6-7:55 PM, Tao Lin

Wed., 10/21, 6-7:55 PM, Rachel Baskin

Sign up for a 10-minute appointment. Meet near the Information Desk.

Immigration lawyers Tao Lin and Rachel Baskin will answer your immigration questions. Bring all your important documents to the consultation.

Breast Cancer Awareness Information Session

Wed., 10/14, 12:30-1:55 PM, Lounge

NO sign up required. Educators from Amerigroup Community Care, a corporation that focuses solely on meeting the healthcare needs of financially vulnerable Americans, will be on hand to give information about breast cancer, mammograms, and the importance of early detection, including techniques and steps you can learn.

Medical and Healthcare Professionals Club

Wed., 10/14 & 10/28, 3 PM, Rm. 6, Elaine Roberts

Sign up required with Elaine Roberts in the Program Office.

This club is designed for medical professionals who are interested in meeting with other professionals here at the Center. At these meetings we will have conversation practice that would be helpful for medical professionals.

Current Events Workshop

Sat., 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 10:30-11:45 AM, Rm. 6, Marilyn Stetar

Sign up required. Limited to 15. Members must attend all sessions.

In this interactive discussion group we'll look at important issues each week, using articles from *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and other leading publications. We'll review vocabulary and pronunciation, unfamiliar terms and idioms, and we'll discuss the content and its implications for the future of the country. This lively group is a great way to better understand and appreciate events and public figures in American life and culture.

American Holidays, Traditions & Events

Wed., 10/28, 7-7:55 PM, Director's Office, Jenelle Boucher

NO sign up required.

In this monthly workshop we discuss holidays, traditions, and events that take place throughout the month. This month we will be talking about Halloween. Vocabulary and idioms will also be presented.

Immigrant Safety Day: Learning About Rights and Responsibilities

Thurs., 10/8, 3-5 PM, Lounge

NO sign up required.

Please join us for a panel discussion with representatives from the following organizations: New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; New York Department of Consumer Affairs; NYC Comptroller's Office, Bureau of Labor; NYS Department of Labor, Bureau of Immigrant Workers' Rights; NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance – Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance; and Internal Revenue Service. This event is sponsored by the New York Police Department – New Immigrant Outreach Unit.

Social and Cultural

Opera Club

Wed., 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 6-7:55 PM, Rm. 3, Roger Lothrop

NO sign up required.

Become familiar with opera as we watch a popular opera, learn about the stories, the composers, and the famous arias. Everyone is welcome to join.

Film Screening & Discussion: *Waltz with Bashir*

Thurs., 10/29, 6 PM, Lounge

NO sign up required.

Please join us for a special screening of the animated documentary *Waltz with Bashir*, a film about the 1982 Lebanon War. At the screening, representatives from NYS TESOL (a non-profit group of professionals concerned with the education of English language learners

at all levels in public and private institutions) will be discussing how to use the film in classes with English language students and instructors. Everyone is welcome.

New Horizon Club

Thurs., 10/22, 6 PM, Lucie

This club meets monthly, 6-8 PM, for discussions on various topics and for field trips. Members must have considerable life experience and good English proficiency. **If interested, please leave your name and number with Shawn in the Program Office. Lucie will return your call.**

Discussing and Enjoying Painting

Thurs., 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 4-5:55 PM, Rm. 1, Anne Gorrissen

Limited to 15. Please attend all sessions.

In this workshop we will use New York City's museums as a context for practicing all language skills: reading, speaking, listening, and writing. For the first class be prepared to speak about an exhibition at one museum you visited. Tell us why you chose that exhibition, how it made you feel, and how it relates to your culture or American culture. Bring in an image from the show. (It can be a postcard from the internet, or an image from a newspaper or a magazine.) Most museums have an evening when admission is free to students. We will decide which museums to focus on during the first class, and homework will be to visit those museums. This workshop will help you improve your English skills; it is not an art history class. The only requirements are an interest in art and active class participation.

International Film Forum

Fri., 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 5-6:55 PM, Rm. 6, Richard Allen & Michael Chin

NO sign up required.

Richard Allen and Michael Chin offer weekly viewing and discussion of films from the United States and from around the world. Practice your English while discussing the genres, works, and notable figures in international cinema. Everyone is welcome to join.

Trips and Tours

***Sign up on the Trips and Tours Board unless otherwise noted.**

Please cross out your name if you cannot attend!

Trinity Church

Thurs., 10/8, 12 Noon, Brad Smith

Join volunteer Brad Smith for a free one-hour concert inside Trinity Church.

A tour of this historic church and of the area will follow the concert. **Meet:** In the coffee shop area of the Center lounge. Group will go by subway to Trinity-Wall Street station. **Cost:** MTA fare.

Autumn Boat Ride Around Manhattan

Sun., 10/18, 11:15 AM, Lucie

New York Waterway, affiliated with the New York Historical Society (not to be confused with Circle Line) offers a narrated 90-minute tour and harbor cruise around Manhattan with many great photo opportunities, including views of (but not stopping at) the Statue of Liberty. **Meet:** At Pier 78 (near the ticket window) on West 38th Street and 12th Avenue. **Cost:** \$26 payable on the day of the trip. Sign up on the *Trips and Tours* board. **Trip leaves rain or shine.**

The Frick Collection

Sun., 10/25, 11 AM, Lucie

Visit this unusual private museum containing some of the world's finest paintings, sculpture, and decorative art, located in the former Paris-inspired home of the industrial magnate, Henry Clay Frick. **Cost:** Bring your ICNY ID and pay as you wish. **Meet:** Outside the museum entrance at 1 East 70th Street, corner of 5th Avenue. Sorry, no children.

This Month's English Quiz

Words Close to Home

Empty out your kitchen drawer, toolbox, and linen closet and choose a word from the list below to complete the following expressions. For example, to be on **pins and needles** or to put something **on the back burner**.

drawer, board, sheet, dish, button, rug, putty, picture, nail, light

1. lie like a _____
2. out like a _____
3. cute as a _____
4. pretty as a _____
5. stiff as a _____
6. white as a _____
7. to hit the _____ on the head
8. I'm just _____ in your hands
9. It's first class; it's top _____
10. You can _____ it out, but you can't take it.

Adapted from *The Play of Words: Fun and Games for the Language Lover*, by Richard Lederer, Pocket Books, 1990.

Answers to last month's quiz:

1. comb
2. towel
3. book
4. candle
5. table
6. iron
7. hammer
8. tack
9. wringer
10. can

October Announcements

ICNY FALL RAFFLE GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Join the Center raffle fundraiser this fall. We have great prizes and want to have the whole International Center community involved. Tickets are available at the Information Desk. Each ticket costs \$10.00. Help raise money for the Center by buying tickets for yourself *and* for your friends and family. You have a chance to win some of these prizes:

- Two airline tickets to anywhere in the USA, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central America
- All expenses paid trip to a resort in Reno, Nevada
- All expenses paid trip to Orlando, Florida
- Apple iPod
- Trip for two to Cape May, NJ, plus theater tickets
- Two tickets to the performance *Stomp*
- Hosted weekend in the country
- Cooking class at the Institute of Culinary Education
- Dinner for two at La Palapa Mexican restaurant
- Dinner for two at Steak Frites restaurant
- New York Rangers tickets
- New Jersey Jets tickets
- Free dental cleaning
- Theater class in improvisation
- Free tax preparation
- Free photo session
- Three-month membership at David Barton Gym
- Custom made couture dress
- And much, much more

Join us for a special party on Thursday evening, October 15, in the lounge, for the drawing of the names of our lucky winners. One of them might be you!

Please note: Admission is limited to raffle ticket holders.

ART EXHIBITION & RECEPTION WITH ICNY MEMBER NUMYI LEE



We are pleased to host the show of our member artist Nummy Lee. *Nature/Survivor* will be on display in the Conversation Room during September and October. Please join us on Thursday, October 8, from 6-8 PM for a reception.

Born in the countryside of South Korea, where she had nothing to play with, she would spend her time drawing on the ground or on paper. Nummy says that art comforted her in her sadness, eased her difficulties,

and soothed her anger. In the end, painting became a habit and an essential part of her life. She continues to use painting as a source of strength and as a way to deal with her own pain and with the suffering of others. Her work has been featured in a number of Hollywood movies.

Mark Your Calendar:

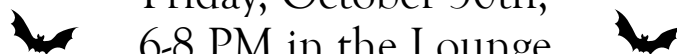
- ◆ The Center will be closed on Monday, October 12, for Columbus Day.
- ◆ The Center will be closed on Thursday, November 26, Friday, November 27, and Saturday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.



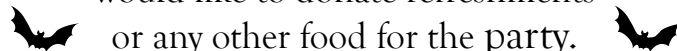
HALLOWEEN PARTY



Friday, October 30th,
6-8 PM in the Lounge



Please see Shawn or Elaine if you would like to donate refreshments or any other food for the party.



Waltz with Bashir: Film Screening & Discussion for English Language Students and Instructors



On Thursday, October 29th, the International Center will be screening the film *Waltz with Bashir*, an animated documentary about the 1982 Lebanon War.

At the screening, representatives from NYS TESOL (a non-profit group of professionals concerned with the education of English language learners at all levels in public and private institutions) will be discussing how to use the film in classes with English language students and instructors.

Please join us at 5:30 PM in the Lounge. All are welcome.