

Class name: Using English Across Cultures Wed. (online /18:30-20:00)

Instructor: Dr. Frank Berberich

Welcome to Using English Across Cultures! This is a new course based on the just-released textbook ibunka!. Using English Across Cultures is offered to Intermediate level and above participants. If you wish to improve and enjoy using your English communication skills with English speakers from other cultures, Using English Across Cultures is for you.

I am your ‘coach’ to help you learn and practice these communication skills. My family name is quite long, so please call me ‘Frank’. I have lived in Tsukuba for about 30 years, and am a retired professor of English and Information Technology. Besides my academic career, I have many years of work experience in technical and international business fields, including most recently two years in Myanmar.

Using English Across Cultures is *not* a lecture course. It is an action course. We start each session with free chatting in pairs or small groups. Everyone is also encouraged to bring questions, examples, and topics for discussion in class. If especially interesting, we may spend more time in such discussions. These supplement the many practice resources from our textbook.

ibunka!, our textbook, is based on opinion surveys carried out over several years, on everyday topics, and among participants from many cultures. Although ibunka! is slightly focused toward University students—including some grammar and vocabulary—each of its 11 units includes extra materials for advanced training. I will also offer other topics.

You can find the Table of Contents and a sample lesson of ibunka! at:

<https://www.english.almalang.com/ibunka>

Just scroll down about 1/2 page to the blue area and press the two green buttons to download the pdf files.

Our course is scheduled for 25 class sessions. Spending about half of our weekly class time on ibunka!, we should be able to finish all units, plus extra related topics, in this time.

I am very excited about ibunka!. Its approach is unique, well-executed and well-supported with online resources. I feel that basing Using English Across Cultures on ibunka! meets an important need for those wishing to improve their communication skills with international English speakers. Please join us in exploring this unique opportunity.

Our Textbook: ibunka! International Communication in Everyday Life, Richmond & Vannieu, alma Publisher, ISBN 978-4-905343-30-1

Looking forward to working with you,

Frank (Berberich PhD)

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2022 April

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受講者の声

・オンラインでのクラスは、クラス全員の顔が見られる状態でまるで輪になっているようで、コミュニケーションが活発であったように思います。Frank先生は、受講生からの発言をととても大切にされていて、「今週何かあった？」から始まり、皆がトピックを持ち寄り質問したり意見を言い合ったりして、まさに英語での会話を楽しむ時間でした。会話することに喜びがあるから、目的があるから語学を学びたいと思うんだ、ということを実体験させてくれました。

(2021年度オンライン授業、Conversation for Pleasure and Purpose 水クラス受講 R.S さん)

・英語に少しでも慣れて、仕事上で英語によるコミュニケーションを取ることができるようになりたいと思い受講しました。講師がちょっとしたことでも丁寧に答えてくれ、また褒めてくださったので、話がしやすかったです。

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※使用テキストは異なりますが、同講師による前年度短期クラスの感想を掲載しています。