

Weatherhead Advanced Orientation: Focus on Communication and American Culture

Wednesdays 12-1pm, (Location)

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Seminar Objectives: Students enrolled in this seminar will develop effective strategies for understanding and engaging in American and CWRU culture while participating in a variety of activities that will enhance spoken English skills. Students will have the opportunity to engage in discussions with staff, along with invited guests.

Objectives for Spoken English/Culture Seminar:

- Understand how your culture and US culture intersect and influence each other as you communicate with professors and peers
- Know and use ways to communicate effectively during various social situations
- Use spoken English in authentic situations in order to become a more confident speaker of informal and formal/academic English
- Develop a deeper understanding of common life skills (housing, healthcare, obtaining a driver's license)
- Learn about and discuss the campus, support services, and opportunities within the greater Cleveland community and how to connect with services/organizations

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Session #	Date	Topic
Session 1	1/20	<i>Health</i> Healthcare access (800 numbers) University Health Services/Healthcare Emergencies outside of Cleveland Insurance Policies and Procedures
Session 2	1/27	<i>Communication/Socializing</i> The Basics: greetings, personal space, handshakes, speed of speech Small talk- informal conversation topics Vocabulary for “Agree and Disagree” Sarcasm/Offensive jokes Social taboos
Session 3	2/3	<i>Driving in the US</i> Preparation for the driver’s test Driving rules/laws in the state of Ohio Scheduling the exam Taking the drivers exam
Session 4	2/10	<i>Resources: Weatherhead and the University</i> Administration CMO STEX Counseling Services ISS ESS (Academic Resources, DR, Spoken English Programs)
Session 5	2/17	<i>Life Skills</i> Apartment living: getting the internet hooked up, using the dishwasher, laundry, rent/security deposit, utilities Shopping: coupons, bargaining, Walmart Guarantee, frequent shopper cards
Session 6	2/24	<i>Diversity and the Cleveland Community</i> History and Civil Rights (as presented by Janetta Hammock) Cleveland History Local area and communities Volunteering (CCEL)