

## Class Description: Book Club (Intermediate-Advanced English)

*Level: Intermediate-Advanced English*

Our English Book Club is a class designed around contemporary English-language literature by native authors for intermediate to advanced students. We will read through one complete work of literature over each 8-week session and use the language in the story as a jumping-off point for personally meaningful conversation as we continue to grow our vocabulary and communication skills. Classes are conducted primarily in English with Spanish explanation and translations provided when helpful.

*Primary Objective*

Book Club is an advanced-level communicative course designed to help students acquire the English language at a high level of proficiency and fluency. While grammar and vocabulary are certainly foundational to the course, knowing grammatical terms by name and memorizing vocabulary is not the point; rather, the course is designed to help students communicate entirely in English with a high level of confidence, comprehension, and the ability to participate in higher-order thinking questions and cultural discussion with clarity of expression.

*Learning Objectives & Measurable Output*

**Key concepts:** Oral and written communication skills development including appropriate introductions, transitions and commentary; expression of personal opinion; understanding of relevant, authentic text and media; ability to summarize and recapitulate information.

**Key structures:** idiomatic expressions, cultural slang and jargon, compound and conditional expressions

**Key outputs:** in-class discussion, oral and written summary, oral translation, oral and written personal response and application

*Assessment & Feedback*

Assessment is conducted informally throughout the course via the teacher in all four pillars of the language: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Feedback is given not in the form of a letter grade, but in ongoing coaching and commentary upon course completion.

*Continuing Education Hours*

**Per 8-week session:** 12 in-class hours; approximately 24-40 hours of supported outside practice (“homework”).

**Per Semester (two 8-week sessions):** 24 in-class hours; approximately 48-80 hours of supported outside practice (“homework”).

\*Transcripts available upon request