

WSP CLASSES

Students have settled into their classes and are making great progress in building their English skills and improving their confidence!

Class highlights

Career Skills

- Career & Internship Fair
- WWU Career Center guest speaker
- WWU Career Center tour and presentation

English

Communication Skills

- Fluency activities
- Practice interviews
- Pronunciation practice
- Weekly journals
- Summarizing and reflecting on video topics

Beautiful Bellingham

- Visit from WWU Police Department
- Boulevard Park visit
- Fairhaven visit
- Elementary School visit

WSP Experience Class

- Safety
- Money & tipping
- Transportation & travel policy
- Using meal plans wisely
- Staying healthy

- **Career Skills:** In this class, students reviewed their visit to the WWU Career & Internship Fair and enjoyed a visit from Sandy, a WWU Career Center staff, who talked about the kinds of skills that U.S. employers are looking for these days. She also explained two different kinds of job skills— “soft” skills and “hard” skills—and reviewed what a “skill set” is. Then she helped students identify their own skill set. Students also took a tour of WWU’s Career Center which included a presentation introducing them to the Career Center’s resources and services. Finally, students reviewed their experiences with the WWU Career Center tour, as well as with meeting Sandy and her colleagues.



- **English Communication Skills:** Students have been working on various fluency activities and have done several practice interviews in class which prepared them to interview native speakers for homework. For their pronunciation work, students have been working on minimal pairs focusing on the s, sh, and th sounds. In addition, they are writing weekly journals and correcting common errors that teacher Jon has highlighted. Finally, students watched a documentary about a Buddhist monk and then crafted a written summary and reaction to it.

- **Beautiful Bellingham:** Students enjoyed a class visit from the WWU Police Department. The visiting officers discussed how to stay safe in Bellingham as well as talked about their jobs as police officers. The students prepared for an outing by role playing restaurant conversations and then visited Boulevard Park by bus and walked from the park to Fairhaven. Finally, the students visited a local elementary school for a day. This opportunity offered a lot of cultural exchange between our students and the 2nd graders!



Events and Activities

- Campus tour
- Downtown Bellingham tour
- Campus Friends event
- Weight lifting
- Basketball
- Bouldering at Rec Center indoor climbing wall
- Valentine's Day Party



- **Experience Class:** Students have been learning more about Western and how to get around the area on public transportation. This is important, as the students are already thinking about traveling on the weekends. We told them that time flies in WSP so planning ahead is important. Another topic we focused on was wellness as a whole, not just physical health. Students learned about the eight dimensions of wellness, and we talked about what they can do if they feel that they need help in any of those areas.

