

AUAP CLASSES

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

Class highlights

Functions

- Conversations with classroom volunteers
- Direction language
- Campus and community scavenger hunts

American Studies

- Lectures
- Note-taking skills
- Discussions skills
- Field trip to local museum to see 'People of the Sea & Cedar' exhibit

Integrated English Skills

- Reading and discussion skills
- Writing skills
- Pronunciation

TOEIC

- Goal setting
- Parts of speech
- Parts 2 & 3 language, distractors, and test taking tactics

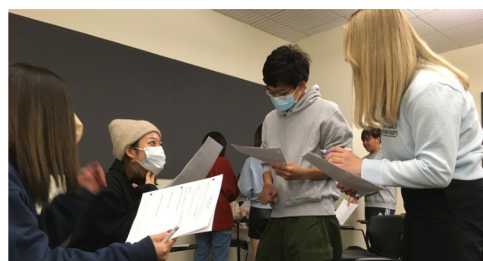
Career Exploration

- Strengths assessment
- Career Fair visit
- Resume writing

AUAP Experience Class

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

- **Career Exploration:** Students learned about the three themes of the class: Exploring Myself, Exploring Outside Myself, and Marketing Myself. Students discussed their dreams, goals and hopes for their future jobs and then worked to complete their first short reflective writing essay on this topic. Students were introduced to the idea of taking photos at various activities and during their experiences to use in their Study Abroad Portfolios. Students learned the names of different types of jobs in English and how to describe what people do for work. Students also completed self-assessments that helps them to identify strengths and skills which will then be used in writing an English resume. Finally, students attended the WWU Career Fair where they were able to ask employers of companies such as Microsoft, Boeing, and Amazon what kind of employees they are looking for and what experience those employees should have to be successful candidates.
- **American Studies:** Students have completed three units: Intro to US Culture and Geography, Native Americans, and Immigration and Diversity. In each unit they are reading about the subject, learning related vocabulary, discussing related issues, and taking notes on an American-style lecture. Students use their notes for discussion and to prepare for a test on the three units.
- **Functions:** In this class students have been doing fluency activities on a variety of daily-life topics to increase their confidence and speaking skills. One of those topics included 'asking for directions.' They used these skills on a scavenger hunt of local businesses in downtown Bellingham. Students reported having so much fun being brave asking directions from local people when they needed help ('Be Brave' is our AUAP motto!). Students have also been working in pairs and groups and with native-speaker classroom volunteers to talk about their lives and experiences. Recently students gave presentations on their passion in life using an outline.



- **IES:** In this class students have been reading the novel "The Outsiders". They have been working together to understand the content of the novel and to discuss related themes. Students have also been developing their writing skills, most recently learning how to write a five-paragraph essay.
- **TOEIC:** Students have been developing skills to help them improve their TOEIC scores. They have been completing weekly listening practice and developing their vocabulary skills by reading current news articles. They have also been working on specific TOEIC test-taking skills, especially those related to the listening section.
- **AUAP 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 for Thanksgiving and Winter Break! We always tell them that time flies in AUAP 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.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: INTENSIVE ENGLISH AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM (IEE)

The Intensive English and Exchange (IEE) Program is an opportunity for a select number of AUAP students to join the WWU Intensive English Program. This cycle six AUAP students joined the IEE Program and are taking IEP classes with other international students from Italy, Germany, India, Thailand, Cambodia, and more. IEP classes focus on academic English including academic communication, academic reading and vocabulary, and writing. IEE students are really enjoying their unique experience of improving their English and confidence with other international students! IEE students recently joined several WWU classes, including a 'Communication, Identity, and Difference' course and 'Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion' course. They had a lot of fun meeting WWU students and exchanging ideas!



Events and Activities

- AUAP Cup
- Roommate mixer
- Movie nights
- Bellewood Acres farm & pumpkin patch visit
- Haunted House visit
- Mariner's baseball game
- Cooking parties
- Birthday parties
- Spark Museum visit
- Campus Friends event
- Participating in campus clubs events & activities
- Intramural sports
- Seattle Excursion
- Halloween Party

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The students have had a fun-packed October with several IPA-led activities, campus activities, and local events!

Everyone had fun in our first AUAP cup challenge, but the fun hasn't stopped there! IPAs have been really active in helping connect students with roommates and campus friends, as well as encouraging students to take advantage of fall cultural activities. One group went to a local pumpkin patch and apple orchard, while another brave group got an early scare at a haunted house!



Our Campus Friends event was very successful! Over 60 AUAP and WWU students attended! Everyone played games, ate pizza, and made plans to meet again.

Students also had a great time during our Seattle excursion! Our bus left early in the morning and students had a full day in Seattle. Students went to a variety of places with the help of their IPAs including the iconic Space Needle, the famous Pike Place Market, the first Starbucks, and the gum wall. Students did some shopping at local stores including Uwajimaya and ate at local Japanese restaurants. It was a long, but fun day for students!

Another favorite event this month was our Halloween party! Students dressed up in costumes participated in a spooky scavenger hunt, did crafts, and played games like musical chairs and more!

AUAP students have also been joining WWU student club events like karaoke night and pizza and game socials with the Japanese Student Association.

