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Study Abroad Buddies 2017/18



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What is the Study Abroad Buddy Scheme?

The Study Abroad Buddy Scheme matches University of Liverpool (UoL) students who have participated in an exchange abroad with either/both:



- A newly arrived Inbound Study Abroad student
- Outbound UoL students preparing to go abroad

INBOUND: As a Buddy you will be matched to inbound students based on your degree programme or by the partner university/country where you have studied. Due to high interest in the scheme, you may be matched with up to 3 inbound students. As a Buddy, you will do the following:

- Contact your Buddy/ies and introduce yourself (before Welcome Week).
- Meet up with your Buddy/ies at least once during Welcome Week and help them to settle in and find their way around campus.
- Continue to meet up with your Buddy/ies throughout the semester. How you help your Buddy/ies is up to you - perhaps you take them to your favourite cafe, or introduce them to your student society!
- Attend Study Abroad events throughout the year alongside your Buddy/ies.
- Engage with the Study Abroad social media accounts, sharing posts and photographs of the fun experiences you're having with your Buddy/ies.



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OUTBOUND: You will be matched with outbound students based on where you've studied, either Host University or country. As a Buddy to Outbound students you will do the following:

- Contact the outbound student by e-mail to introduce yourself and tell them where you have studied.
- Share any useful advice, hints and tips either via e-mail or in person.
- Engage with the Study Abroad social media accounts, sharing posts and photographs.

The scheme offers inbound students the opportunity to learn all about UoL, the UK and the English Language. UoL students will gain practical advice as they prepare to study abroad and as a Buddy volunteer you will continue your international experience back in Liverpool!

The overall aim of the scheme is to create an opportunity for all study abroad students to come together and make new friends!

If you meet with your Buddy for at least 8 hours over the semester, this can be added to your HEAR which is a valuable asset to your CV in the future!

Buddy Scheme – Frequently Asked Questions

What Buddy activities can I do that will count towards my HEAR?

Below are a list of eligible activities and the amount of time this will constitute.

- Send photo and a brief summary of your first meeting with your Buddy/ies (1hr)
- Attend at least two Global Connect events. These take place every other Wednesday, upon arrival present yourself to SAT as a Buddy and we will mark that you have attended (4hrs)
- Attend at least one Study Abroad Focus Group throughout the year (2hr)
- Volunteer for the Study Abroad Fair in November (up to 5hrs)



You can also come up with your own ideas for activities that help your Buddies to make the most of their time in Liverpool. The Study Abroad Team will only count activities that promote and encourage integration into student life and the student campus. Nights out do not count!

How will being a Buddy be added to my HEAR?

The Study Abroad Team will monitor your attendance and keep note of any summaries or photos you send to the team.

How can I help my Buddy to meet new people and make friends?

We would recommend trying new student societies together! Information on student societies can be found in the Useful Information section of this handout. It is really important to meet up with members of your Buddy/ies more than once, this not only ensures that you have really taken the time to get to know them, but also provides both of you the opportunity to expand your friendship groups, meet new people and socialise.

What should I do if my Buddy does not respond to my e-mails?

You will be matched with up to 3 inbound students so it is unlikely that this will happen. However, if you do not hear back, contact the Study Abroad Team and we will allocate you a new Buddy.

My Buddy has an academic issue what should I do?

Direct the student to the relevant Academic department. They should also contact their Academic Study Abroad Coordinators (ASAC). A list of ASACs can be found here: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/goabroad/departments/>

My Buddy is homesick what should I do?

If students are feeling homesick, they can contact the Study Abroad Team for support. The Team run two weekly drop-in sessions offering students the opportunity to talk face-to-face. These are on Monday and Wednesday, in the Activity Rooms on the Street in the Guild.

If you are concerned about a student's wellbeing then you should let the Study Abroad Team know immediately.

Useful Information and Contacts

- Inbound Study Abroad webpage:
<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/incomingexchange/>
- Inbound Study Abroad Brochure (2017)
<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/study/international/study-abroad/UoL-Study-Abroad-Incoming-Brochure-July-2017-DP.pdf>
- Liverpool Guild of Students Societies:
<https://www.liverpoolguild.org/groups>
- Erasmus Student Network
<http://liverpool.esnuk.org/>
- Independent Liverpool
<http://independent-liverpool.co.uk/>

Still have questions? Have an idea you would like to share?

If you have any questions or concerns, your main point of contact within the Study Abroad Team is the Study Abroad Assistant.

Study Abroad Assistant

E-mail: saenq@liv.ac.uk

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Equally, if you have any ideas of a Study Abroad activity or event, and would like help organising something, please feel free to share these with the team as we would love to hear your thoughts!

We hope you thoroughly enjoy your experience as a Study Abroad Buddy!



