

The UL Global Buddy Programme



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Everything you need to know about having a
UL Buddy!

What is the Buddy Programme?

Every semester, the Buddy Programme matches 3 to 4 newly arrived international students from all over the world with a UL student. Your UL Buddy will help guide you through your initial few weeks in the university, and help make your transition to life in Limerick that little bit easier. From tips regarding buses, shops, restaurants to how to use the library facilities or find the right building, your UL Buddy is here to help!



*"He has given me so many recommendations and helpful tips about school and life in Ireland." -
Madison, USA*

Our International Students



"She encouraged me to join clubs and societies and is always available to chat if I need help." - Jessica, USA

Every year, over 2,000 new international students enroll in UL on a wide variety of programmes. We have students coming to UL from all around the globe. Students may be enrolling in a full time undergraduate or postgraduate programme, or partaking in Erasmus, Study Abroad or Exchange programmes for one to two semesters.

THE BUDDY PROGRAMME BASICS

What to expect from your buddy:

- Your UL Buddy is a current student at the University of Limerick and is on hand to help answer any of the small, yet important questions you may have about life at UL and in Ireland as a student
- These questions could be:
 - How do I take/return a book from the library?
 - What building and room code is C1061/HSG00BA?
 - What bus brings me to Limerick/Dublin city?
 - Where is the train station located?
- Attend Buddy Programme events with your buddy group



"He made lists for me with shops I might find useful and sent me links to good food delivery services" - Daniela, Austria

Your Responsibilities are to:

- Monitor your inbox in advance of the academic semester for your UL Buddy's email! (i.e. during August/December)
- Respond to your UL Buddy once they have made contact with you via email in advance of the new term.
- Meet your UL Buddy for a virtual/in-person coffee and get to know one another
- Take part in the Buddy Programme events organised by UL Global
- If you have a question in relation to VISA / accommodation / having difficulty choosing your module or building your timetable etc. please contact the UL Global office as these questions lay outside the scope of your UL Buddy

How does the Buddy Programme Work?

- The University of Limerick Buddy Programme takes place in both the Autumn and Spring semester.
- UL Global receives applications from new international students and matches them with UL volunteers.
- We match buddies according to their area of study, hobbies and language capabilities.
- Your details will be emailed to your UL Buddy who will then reach out to you via email.
- Reply to your UL Buddy and organise your first meeting!
- Events are held throughout the semester for you to get to know your UL Buddy, but also to meet other incoming international students

Perks of Being a Buddy

- Get the insider tips on being a student at UL!
- Learn more about Limerick and Ireland
- A chance to practice your language skills
- Learn about new cultures
- Make international connections for the future
- Make friends and have fun!

Buddy Programme Events

Each semester, UL Global organises a number of events for you and your buddy group to attend. Your UL Buddy will notify you of all events running throughout the semester. You are not obliged to attend all of these events but you are required to notify your UL Buddy if you are able/unable to attend. All events are held in accordance with public health and government COVID 19 guidelines.



"She explained a lot to me about life in UL and helped me feel much more comfortable here." - Ngoc, Vietnam

Contacting Us

If you have any questions you can contact us by emailing **buddyprogramme@ul.ie**.

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