UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

Conversation Buddy Program
and Application Form

The University of Hartford Conversation Buddy Program is hosted by The International Center and designed to connect international students from any language background with native English speakers from UHA to practice and improve their English language skills.

We are looking for

International Students who want to practice their listening and speaking skills with a native English speaker in an informal, one-on-one setting outside of the classroom. We are looking for students who want to improve their conversational abilities while making new friends and learning about American culture.

Native English Speaking Student Volunteers who want to help international students at UHA improve their conversational English. These students come from 60 countries around the world and English is most likely not their first language. You do not need to be an English or Education major, all you need to have is a desire to help a fellow student practice English. If you want to meet students from around the world and broaden your knowledge of other cultures, sign up!

In order for the program to be the most effective, students should be available to meet 1-2 hours per week.

If you have questions regarding the program or if you wish to apply, please fill out the application below or contact Sarah O’leary in the International Center at 860-768-5101 or saoleary@hartford.edu.

1) Name of applicant: ____________________________________________________________

2) Cell Phone: _________________________________________________________________

3) Email (please provide the email that you check regularly): ________________________

4) Major(s): _________________________________________________________________

5) Class Standing (example: ELI, Freshman, etc): _________________________________

6) What language(s) do you speak and at what level? ______________________________

7) How often are you looking to get together with your buddy? (Example: once per week) ________________

8) How did you find out about the Conversation Buddy Program? __________________

9) Tell us a little bit about yourself, where are you from, what are your hobbies/interests, how did you come to study at UHA. ________________________________________________________________

10) Why are you interested in joining the Conversation Buddy Program? What do you feel you can contribute to the program and what do you hope to get out of participating?

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