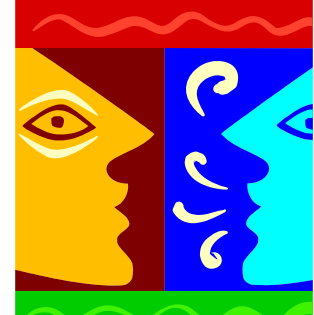


**ESL 320 Conversation Seminar
English Language Institute
“The Chat Room”**

Fall 2017

Each fall and spring semester, the English Language Institute (ELI) admits approximately 90 students from a variety of countries who attend its Intensive English Program (IEP). The University at Buffalo also enrolls almost 5,000 international students each year, many of whom are registered for English as a Second Language (ESL) credit courses.



By becoming a Chat Room partner, you will be able to help our international students not only with their conversational English skills but also with their cultural, academic and personal adjustment to UB.

The Chat Room will “open” for the fall semester on September 11 and “close” on November 17 (10 weeks). Each Chat session is for 50 minutes and could start at 2:30, 3, 3:30 or 4 p.m. As a Chat Room partner, you will be required to complete three (3) chat sessions per week for a total of 30 sessions by November 17.

In addition to completing the 30 chat sessions, you will also be required to:

- Attend an orientation session. The dates and times of the orientation session options (which will take place during the first week of classes) will be announced at a later date.
- Submit weekly writing assignments on UBLearns. Details will be discussed at the orientation session.

Your participation in the Chat Room program, will give you the opportunity to learn about other cultures and people as well as your own and yourself. Being a Chat Room partner will also provide you with the beginning of a true global experience here at UB. Many long-lasting friendships have developed from chat sessions and students often say that their Chat Room experience has been a highlight of their UB studies.

This is a 2-credit course, and is graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Registration is by permission of the instructor. Registration for ESL 320 Conversation Seminar will be completed after attending one of the orientation meetings. You can also volunteer as a Chat Room partner. This means you will not earn credit, need to complete 30 sessions or submit the weekly UBLearns writing assignments.

If you wish to participate, complete the attached form and return it in person to Kathy Curtis, English Language Institute, 323 Baldy Hall as well as to arrange for an interview.

The Chat Room is not online! It is a face to face conversation program matching one native English speaking student with two non-native English speaking students. The Chat Room is open to all UB international undergraduate and graduate students. <http://buffalo.edu/eli> .

participating as a registered 2 cr. student
 participating as a volunteer

**Fall 2017
Chat Room Partner
Registration Form**

NOTE: The Chat Room (ESL 320) REQUIRES THAT ALL PARTNERS HAVE NATIVE-SPEAKER PROFICIENCY IN SPOKEN ENGLISH.

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Person Number: _____

Buffalo Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please check your status (✓):

Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Language(s) spoken (other than English): _____

Have you ever studied/lived/traveled in a foreign country?
If so, please describe your experience(s):

Why are you interested in participating in the ELI's Chat Room program?

Are you a member of a UB international club? If so, which one(s)?

How did you learn about this program? Spectrum ad friend flyer other _____