



**HOW TO
BE A COOL
UCU
BUDDY!**

THANKS FOR BEING A BUDDY!

This guide has information about «UCU Buddy» system and describes what it means to be an UCU Buddy for new international students. International students are people from around the world, enrolled in different programmes. Every student is unique and has his/her own needs and expectations. As a buddy, it is essential to be open, flexible and responsive to these needs.

WHO ARE BUDDIES?

Being an international student in a foreign country is always challenging. Not only concerning academic requirements but also regarding cultural immersion, new people and new practices. UCU Buddies are students with a particular interest in the international exchange. They work on a voluntary basis for greater integration between international and local students. It is a perfect chance for UCU community to implement its mission and to support newcomers.

BEING A BUDDY IS A GREAT CHANCE TO:

- Practice your foreign language skills.
- Develop your communication skills.
- Get a new exciting experience.
- Learn more about new cultures.
- Make international friends.

YOUR ROLE AS AN UCU BUDDY IS TO:

1. Make contact with your Buddy before arrival.

(International Office will give you the contacts and you can write your Buddy an email or find him/her on Facebook)

2. Pick up your Buddy at the airport or bus station and try to use public transport.

(explain the most popular routes: to UCU, to the city centre, to the shopping malls etc.)

3. Initiate a first meeting and be a friendly and welcoming face.

(invite your Buddy for a cup of coffee or tea at the UCU cafeteria or elsewhere)

4. Make a campus tour for your Buddy.

(demonstrate UCU campuses, Sheptytsky Center, Trapezna, University church etc.)

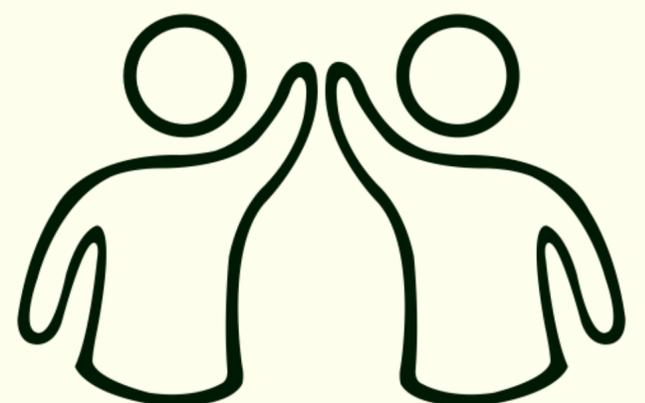
5. Explain the university mission and values, institutions and facilities.

6. Involve your Buddy into UCU community.

(take part in different UCU events together and join UCU clubs and organisations. You can find the list **HERE**)

7. Answer the questions and keep in touch with your Buddy during his/her stay.

8. Plan activities with your Buddy during the semester.



THINGS YOU CAN DO TOGETHER WITH YOUR BUDDY:

- go shopping to one of the nearest shopping centres;
- share your culture/traditions to each other;
- get socialized at UCU clubs and outside;
- drink coffee in one of Lviv coffee houses;
- take a tour of Lviv Undergrounds;
- try the best chocolate in Lviv Chocolate Factory;
- take tickets to the cinema or theatre;
- walk around the city centre;
- have a great time together!

GOOD BUDDY IS SUPPOSED TO BE:

- sociable
- trustworthy
- responsible
- non-judgemental
- open to new acquaintances
- a good listener
- patient and naturally helpful

COMMUNICATE AND INFORM!

Give international students the opportunity to connect with their UCU peers and learn about their future experience at the university.

SERVE AND INCREASE ENGAGEMENT!

Build relationships with international students through the simple and personal interactions.

WITNESS AND MANAGE EXPECTATIONS!

Help international students to receive information that really matters to them before joining the UCU community.

A BIG thank you for your
willingness to help new
students and have fun!

If you have any questions, feel free
to **CONTACT US!** We are ready
to help and answer all the
questions!



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