

What is the Conversation Partners Program?

The Conversation Partners Program provides opportunities for students, faculty, and staff of The New School community to improve language and communication skills in a relaxed, non-academic setting. This is a great opportunity for language learners and people who want to learn more about other cultures.

Who is eligible to be a Conversation Partner?

Conversation Partners can be degree and non-degree students, faculty, staff, and The New School affiliates. Participants are expected to have basic conversation skills in the language to be practiced. Conversation Partners should also be outgoing, social, approachable, and reliable, as well as respectful towards other individuals. Interest in learning and sharing new cultural experiences is also essential.



How does the Conversation Partners Program work?

Once we receive your application, International Student Services will start looking for a Conversation Partner that meets your language requirements. Given the high number of applicants interested in the program, it may take a few weeks for us to find an adequate match. In the case that your request cannot be met, you will be placed on a waiting list. Once we have matched you with a partner, you should e-mail or call him/her in order to schedule weekly meetings. The date and time of the meetings should be determined by you and your partner to best fit your schedules. At the end of the semester we will contact you to find out if you wish to continue participating. This is a strictly volunteer based program; no monetary exchanges are allowed.

What are the requirements for participating in this program?

You must show interest in and commitment to improving your language skills by keeping up with your meetings, which should happen at least once a week for one hour during the semester. Once a month you should contact International Student Services to keep us informed on how the partnership is going. Sharing your experiences and points of view is strongly recommended in order to help you develop cultural understanding and improve your language skills.

What are the benefits of the Conversation Partners Program?

The benefits of participating in the program include receiving first-hand assistance from a native or advanced speaker of the language to be practiced, having the opportunity to meet new and exciting people from different cultures, and strengthening your resume through volunteer work.

Need an idea for a meeting place?

Come to Coffee and Tea – Thursdays, 2-4 pm, 6 East 16th Street, Lobby; or join the International Student Society and Advisory Board by sending an email to ISAB@newschool.edu.

How to Apply?

Complete our online form at bit.ly/ISS_ConvPartnersApp, submit your application by email to issevents@newschool.edu, fax it to (212) 229-8992 or bring it to our office at 79 Fifth Avenue, 5th floor

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CONVERSATION PARTNERS APPLICATION FORM

Date of application:	
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Name		N	
Active E-mail			
Phone		May we share your phone with your partner?	
School	 □ The New School For Public Engagement □ The New School For Social Research □ Parsons The New School for Design □ Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts □ Mannes College The New School for Music 	☐ The New School for Drama ☐ The New School for Jazz & Contemporary Music ☐ Other (please specify)	
Program Level	☐ Graduate ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Certificate ☐ Co	ntinuing Education	
Major			
Interests (hobbies, favorite music, etc)			
Your Gender	☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Transgender ☐ NA		
I prefer my partner to be:	☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Transgender ☐ NA ☐	No Preference	
Native language:			
Other languages spoken			
1. Please fill check one of the options:			

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