

BUDDY PROGRAMME

What is the buddy programme?

It is programme to assign a local buddy (Universidad Isabel I staff or student) to incoming Erasmus + students. The aim is to facilitate foreign students' integration in the local culture both in Burgos and at Universidad Isabel I.

What are the benefits?

For Universidad Isabel I staff or students (mentor buddy)

- To meet people from different culture and backgrounds.
- To have a chance to speak in a foreign language.
- To establish links with people worldwide.
- To learn about paperwork and the process to apply for an Erasmus + grant.
- Preference to obtain an Erasmus + grant, all other requirements being equal as per call for applications.

For the incoming student (buddy mentee)

- To meet local people and to establish links with people from different culture and backgrounds.
- To have support and guidance in paperwork for enrollment, accommodation, etc.
- To get to know the local culture first hand.

What are Universidad Isabel I buddy mentor duties?

- To welcome incoming students upon their arrival in Burgos.
- To assist incoming students with university paperwork, finding accommodation, etc.
- To introduce incoming students to the local culture.
- To facilitate incoming students' integration in the local culture and offer help when needed, to the extent possible.

The International Relations Office will provide participants with their buddy's contact details, for them to get in touch prior to the incoming student's arrival in Burgos.

Students are invited to the information sessions organised by the IRO upon the arrival of foreign students. Various activities will be organised to foster the integration of incoming students in the university life and local culture.

How can I participate?

People interested in taking part in the buddy programme must fill out the relevant form available in this section and send it to the IRO by e-mail (international.relations@ui1.es).

The IRO will select and partner buddies according to interests expressed in the form by would-be participants.

Further paperwork

Once the incoming student's stay is finished, both buddies must fill out an assessment form provided by the IRO.