

# **MEET ANOTHER VIU STUDENT AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR CULTURE.**

## **JOIN THE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS BUDDY PROGRAM**

The CULTURAL CONNECTIONS BUDDY PROGRAM is a program that matches international students with domestic students. This program provides opportunities to enhance language and cultural exchange, promote inter-cultural understanding, and help internationalize the campus.

### **WHY JOIN CULTURAL CONNECTIONS?**

- Provides international participants an opportunity to meet domestic students, practice English and establish contacts.
- Provides Canadian participants an opportunity to learn and practice a new language and learn about another culture.
- Provides both participants an opportunity to learn and appreciate each other's cultures.
- Offers participants an excellent opportunity to acquire intercultural skills.

### **WHERE CAN WE MEET?**

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS partners are encouraged to arrange their first meeting on campus and then make further arrangements after they have met for the first time.

### **HOW OFTEN CAN WE MEET?**

The amount of time spent with CULTURAL CONNECTIONS partners varies with the interests, needs, type of shared activity and availability of the participants. Partners can arrange a mutually convenient meeting schedule and determine their own amount of time commitment to the program.

### **HOW CAN I APPLY?**

Applications are available during the fall and spring semesters. Stop by the Centre for International Education Building 255 Main Reception and fill out a CULTURAL CONNECTIONS application form.

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