About UNI CIEP
The overall mission of the Culture and Intensive English Program (CIEP) is to provide International Students with quality intensive academic English language instruction and a cultural orientation to the United States in preparation for study at the University of Northern Iowa or other institution of higher learning.

CIEP students participate in intensive listening/speaking, reading, and grammar/writing classes, which are offered at seven different levels. Sessions last eight weeks, and with adequate progress, students advance one level per session.

Conversation Partner Program

Requirements

- Meet with your conversation partner a minimum of one hour each week throughout the academic year
- Speak in English at least one hour during each meeting
- Be a fluent English speaker who is a student or staff member at UNI
- Attend an orientation session where you will learn about the program guidelines
- Contact your partner immediately if you are unable to attend a meeting.

“The greatest benefit is knowing you are making someone else feel comfortable in a new place.” - Ireta Daniels

“The Conversation Partner Program gives CIEP students a chance to practice English outside of the classroom and also gives American students a chance to learn about another culture.”

- Shawna Schrock, USA

“When I met my conversation partner, she taught me a lot about American culture and I was able to teach her about Japanese culture.”

- Rena Leka, Japan

“The greatest benefit of the program was that we get to exchange culture.”

- Juliana Herran, Colombia
UNI Culture & Intensive English
Conversation Partner Program
The Conversation Partner Program matches CIEP students with fluent English speakers from UNI. The program helps CIEP students experience U.S. American culture and practice their English skills in a conversational setting during the academic year, while also allowing the UNI students and staff to learn about another culture.

How to participate:
Visit: www.uni.edu/ciep/activities/cp and fill out an online application or visit Bartlett Hall, Room 3031 to fill out a paper application.

Orientation
Attending an orientation is mandatory for participation in this program unless otherwise arranged with the CIEP Student Services Coordinator. For more information, contact: cieppartners@uni.edu

UNI STUDENTS & STAFF
Any UNI student or staff member is eligible to become a conversation partner. Conversation Partners meet with an international student for at least one hour per week. Conversation partners often participate in a variety of cultural and social activities. Typical activities include: attending athletic events, making traditional food, visiting local stores, meeting for coffee, or watching movies together.

Reasons to Participate
- Prepare for a semester abroad
- Discover another culture
- Engage in a volunteer experience
- Meet international students
- Learn more about your own culture
- Experience cross-cultural communication

CIEP STUDENTS
All CIEP students are encouraged to participate in the Conversation Partner Program. The program will help you to practice your English and meet other UNI students and staff. Additionally, the program will give you the opportunity to share your culture and to ask questions you may have about U.S. American culture.

Reasons to Participate
- Improve your English skills
- Learn slang words and phrases
- Expand your knowledge of U.S. American culture
- Share your own culture
- Meet UNI students

For more information visit: www.uni.edu/ciep/activities/cp