

# ESL 320 CONVERSATION SEMINAR

## English Language Institute

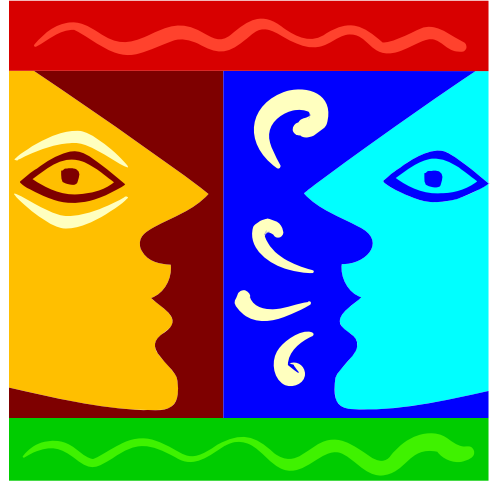
### *The Chat Room*

Fall 2008

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Each fall and spring semester, the English Language Institute (ELI) enrolls over 70 students from a variety of countries who enroll in ELI's Intensive English Program (IEP). The University at Buffalo also enrolls over 4,000 international students each academic year, many of whom are registered for ELI's English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

By signing up to be a **Chat Room** partner, you can help these students not only with their conversational English skills but also with their cultural and personal adjustment to UB.



In addition to completing 30 chat hours, you will be required to:

- Attend an orientation meeting on **Thursday, August 28 at 4 p.m. in 376 Baldy Hall.**
- Submit a 4-5 page paper by December 5. Details will be discussed at the orientation meeting and later in the semester.

Becoming involved as a **Chat Room** partner will help you learn about other cultures as well as your own. Being a **Chat Room** partner should provide you with the beginnings of a true international education experience. Many good friendships have resulted from this program and students often say that this program is a highlight of their studies here at U.B. For more details about the English Language Institute, please visit our Web site: <http://buffalo.edu/eli>

**This is a 2 credit course, and is graded on a Pass/Fail basis.** Registration is by permission of the instructor, Kathy Curtis. Registration for ESL 320 Conversation Seminar will be processed by Kathy Curtis. If you are interested, please complete the attached form and return it to Kathy Curtis, ELI, 323 Baldy Hall, North Campus (curtiskl@buffalo.edu).

The **Chat Room** is not an on-line chat! The **Chat Room** is a face to face conversation practice program matching you with 2 UB international students.

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**NOTE: The Chat Room (ESL 320) REQUIRES THAT ALL PARTNERS HAVE NATIVE-SPEAKER PROFICIENCY IN SPOKEN ENGLISH.**

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your Fall '08 status (✓):

Freshman       Sophomore       Junior       Senior

Major: \_\_\_\_\_      Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) spoken (other than English): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever studied/lived/traveled in a foreign country?

If so, please describe your experience(s):

Why are you interested in this program?

How did you hear about this program?

Spectrum Newspaper Ad       Friend       Poster       Other