Host Families

A graduate student, scholar, or post-doc meets with a host family or individual in an informal cultural immersion program. Experience American life by spending time with locals for meals, conversation, holidays, or other gatherings at mutually agreeable times and places. Some relationships last long after students graduate. Contact: Betty Phillips, 847-477-5378, bettybphillips@gmail.com or Greta Sims, 847-251-3264, rgsims@att.net

CCIS Programs

Free CCIS services and contacts are listed in this brochure. Applications are available in the links below. Students, scholars, post-docs and spouses use: https://tinyurl.com/ccisstudent
Volunteers use: https://tinyurl.com/ccisvolunteer

Cooking Classes

Spouses meet to prepare and enjoy lunch together. This is a nice time to meet new friends, share recipes, and practice your English. Sessions are held monthly starting in September. Sign up for one or more sessions -$5 per session. For schedule, location and topics contact: Sonia Cohen, 847-530-3324, sonia_specco@yahoo.com, or Carol Liner at 847-733-0443, oneliner@sbcglobal.net.

Social Activities

Enjoy CCIS picnics, receptions, Round Table Discussions, volunteer activities, gift wrapping and other events held in collaboration with OISS & TGS throughout the year.

For more information see the IO Student Newsletter and Planet Purple, leave a message at the International Office at 847-467-6899, contact CCIS President, Norman Axelrad at 847-975-6727, normaxe29@gmail.com, or Sylvia Alvino, 847-328-7516, sylalvino@yahoo.com.

Making Connections Among Northwestern’s International Community & Local Volunteers

Northwestern University
The International Office
630 Dartmouth Place
Evanston, IL 60208
847-467-6899
Applications & more information at: https://tinyurl.com/ccisstudent
https://tinyurl.com/ccisvolunteer
What is CCIS?

We are neighbors, alums, retired faculty, etc. who enjoy meeting and making NU's international graduate students, scholars, post-docs and their families feel welcome while they are here. CCIS, the Community Council for International Students, provides free cultural and language immersion programs on the Evanston and Chicago campuses in partnership with the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (OISS) and The Graduate School (TGS).

Since 1971, when fifty local families first opened their homes to provide short term Home Stays for incoming international students, we have updated our programs to keep pace with changing times, serving thousands of international students, scholars, post docs, and their families.

Our individualized language and cross-cultural programs complement the programs provided by OISS and TGS. You may find one or more CCIS programs of interest. For more information and to apply, click on the student or volunteer link on the cover.

English Conversation Partners

Students and scholars refine English speaking skills in a personal, free, fun, and informal experience with a local volunteer. Meet at mutually agreed times and locations to discuss topics of interest and explore idioms and commonly used terms. For more information contact:
Doris Liberman, 847-676-2932, adlibs4612@gmail.com
or David Whiting, 847-432-2814, cotswold@gmail.com

Chicago Campus Services

If you are located at NU's Downtown Campus in Chicago, fill out the student application on our link and contact our Chicago Coordinator, Lynne Carpenter at 847-989-0897 lynne.crpntr@gmail.com to be matched with a volunteer close to you.

English Conversation Seminars for Spouses

Spouses meet weekly on Wednesday or Thursday at the International Office, 630 Dartmouth Place in a small group to discuss their experiences and to improve English skills. Parents with children are welcome. For more information about the location and times of these seminars, contact the coordinators:
Mary Helen Albright, 847-868-4979, maryandlucas@comcast.net or Heather Hehman, 847-691-8399, heatherhehmanesl@gmail.com.

International Spouses Activities

Spouses from various countries gather to make new friends and share customs. Social activities take place in local homes and places of interest throughout the Chicago and suburban area. For topics and dates contact:
Mary Helen Albright, 847-868-4979, maryandlucas@comcast.net