Improve your English and meet new friends

“To provide a comfortable environment where international students participate in discussions to improve their English and share their cultural experiences, make friends and be more socially active.”

- Discussion Group Team Mission Statement

Discussion groups are for international students who want to improve their English language speaking skills in a safe, friendly environment. Led by student volunteers who form the Discussion Group Team, these informal discussion groups also give you the opportunity to learn more about the Australian culture and make new friends.

There are a variety of topics discussed including news, popular culture, Australian slang and topics from participants’ suggestions. The focus is on learning more about Australia whilst gradually improving communication skills, especially public speaking. These groups are informal and fun, so expect to play trivia, games of 'Taboo' and more!

Session times

Sessions run for an hour every day during the term from Monday to Friday inclusive. Below are the session times and locations for Term 1, 2019.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 4pm - 5pm, International Student Lounge, Ground Floor, John Goodsell Building (Campus Map Ref. F20).

Registration

To register for a Discussion Group visit the online booking system.

DG & Chill

Every 3 weeks the Discussion Group hosts an event or goes to dinner, taking the experience outside the university and into a buzzing Sydney area. The Discussion Group Team share their favourite Sydney restaurants that otherwise would remain unknown to new international students. In 2018 Discussion Group went to Sparrow's Mill (Korean cuisine) and El Loco. Afterwards, the group socialises whilst exploring local hot-spots around Sydney. In this way, the Discussion Group hopes to help international students whole-heartedly claim Sydney as their new home.

Become a discussion group facilitator

Are you interested in becoming a Discussion Group Team Volunteer? The International Student Development Discussion Group is UNSW Advantage and AHEGS accredited.

Recruitment for new Project Officers for T1 & T2, 2019 is now CLOSED. Please check back in T2 to see when recruitment will open for T3, 2019 roles.