

International Ambassador Handbook

2023-2024



Your Role as International Ambassadors

General Role

- Serve for at least 1 academic year of involvement/interaction/communication with international students and ISSS events.
- Commit at least 3 hours per semester to participate and assist in ISSS events
- International Education Week (third week of November)
- Global Beverages Hour (end of every month)
- Orientation and/or Reception (start of every term)
- Participate in required training sessions twice a year to learn about your role.

Be a Proud Representative of the International Office

- Represent ISSS as requested at our events and around the university community. Exercise tolerance of diversity including race, nationality, language, religion, gender, economic status, sexual orientation, physical ability, etc.

Become a Leader

- Plan and organize at least 1 group activity/program with fellow International Ambassadors to represent the international community at the University of Utah. Communicate amongst yourselves efficiently to make your ideas come alive.
- Assist new international students with pre-arrival and International Check-in at the start of Fall and Spring terms. This requires your presence on campus before classes begin.
- Provide general information and personal insight regarding campus life, extracurricular activities, off-campus life, etc. to new and continuing international students.

Community Building

- Connect with a larger community of international students and represent the international community as an International Ambassador.
- Learn about new cultures and countries through our events. Increase your cultural awareness and understanding through training and interaction.
- Develop your own social skills and maybe learn a new custom you can keep with you or a party trick to take back home.

Networking and Skill Building

- Make it an opportunity to connect with the ISSS office, fellow Ambassadors, other international students and staff, and everyday people at The U.
- Engage with new people from around the world. Increase your knowledge of foreign customs and social skills.
- Develop your own resume with event planning, volunteering, managing, and much more.

Probationary Period and Three-Strike Rule

- As an International Ambassador, you will be on a probationary period for your first semester. If you receive three negative reports anytime during the year, you will be expelled from the program. A negative report can include not participating in events, not communicating with the ISSS office or fellow Ambassadors, and the likes.