


International Student Conversation Rooms

Practicalities

- In the excel-document, there is a MS Teams-meeting link. Please click on **Join Conversation Group X (Microsoft Teams Meeting)**
- **Be on time and only join the meeting of the conversation room to which we assigned you;** make sure you are ready to start at the exact start time.

Group	Timing	Meeting Link
Group 1	10:00-11:00	Join Group 1 (Microsoft Teams Meeting)



- In each conversation room, one student of Artevelde University of Applied Sciences (AUAS) will be present. In case of problems, that student will contact us. This student will also open the conversation room.
- Problems that might occur are technical issues and students not showing up. Unfortunately, this happens sometimes. When you join, wait for 10-15 minutes as people might be late. In case there are only 2 nationalities in the room, you can join another conversation room at the same time or at a later time that day. Just click on any other meeting link to join that group.
- The international student conversation rooms are made up for **an informal chat about each other's life**. The main **goal is to meet students from other cultures**.
- You can use the **ice breakers/topics** as a guide line, but you are also free to start any topic you want, except for politics.
- **Respect is key!**
 - Make sure that everybody has a chance to talk and to give an answer to a question.
 - Each accent is different, so really listen carefully and respectfully to each other.
 - Always speak English, even if there is another student in the room who speaks your language.
 - If someone doesn't know the meaning of word, help each other.
 - Be patient with each other.
 - Be kind to each other.
- Most important rule: **Have fun!**

50 Ice breakers

You are free to pick any ice breaker, but first start with introducing yourself:

- your name
- home institution
- nationality
- field of study
- regular student or exchange student
- hobbies

We suggest that one student picks a number and asks the question:

- to someone in particular
 - to each student in the room
1. Do you have classes on campus or do you have online classes, or both?
 2. Do you live at home or do you live on campus, or do you stay in a dorm in a city/town near the campus?
 3. How are classes organized? Regular lecturing, team work, project work?
 4. Is it obligatory to go to classes in your home institution?
 5. How many students per class are there?
 6. How do you say 'hello' in your language?
 7. How do you say 'goodbye' in your language?
 8. How do you say 'enjoy your meal' in your language?
 9. How do you say 'this is fun' in your language?
 10. What course don't you like at all?
 11. What is your favorite professor like?
 12. What would you change about yourself if you could?
 13. Who is your hero?
 14. What is your biggest fear?
 15. What motivates you to work hard?
 16. What really makes you angry?
 17. What do you like about online teaching and what do you not like?
 18. What have you learned from the past year?
 19. If you live covid-19 restrictions in your country, what is the first thing you will do when all restrictions are gone?
 20. Did you grow up in a city or in a small town?
 21. Are you a listener or a talker?
 22. What was your last song on your Spotify, or any other streaming service?
 23. What do you love doing most in your free time?
 24. Complete the sentence: I wish everyone could ...
 25. Where would you build your dream house?
 26. Where would you take me if I came to your country next year?
 - Cities, places
 - Restaurants, bars, special dishes
 - Cultural activities
 - ...
 27. What is one item you could not live without?
 28. What is your favourite food?

29. If you could have dinner with anybody in history, dead or alive, who would it be, and why?
30. What's your unusual talent?
31. What's the news of today in your country?
32. What kind of job would you like to do?
33. Do you want to start your own business? If so, what kind of business?
34. What is your greatest fear?
35. What means happiness to you?
36. What gives you energy?
37. What is your favorite color?
38. What do you do during school holidays?
39. What is your favorite course at school?
40. Do you procrastinate sometimes? If so, what kind of things?
41. What's your biggest dream for the future?
42. What is your goal in life?
43. What is the best advice you have ever received?
44. If you meet someone for the first time, what is the first thing you look at?
45. What do you like to spend money on?
46. How do you study?
47. How do you start getting in touch with someone you don't know yet?
48. If you were stranded on a desert island, what band or music would you want?
49. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
50. What's the greatest challenge you overcame?