

# International House Quality Standards

## 5 Study Abroad Charter

### Supplementary Criteria for IH Study Abroad schools

IH schools which offer IH Study Abroad programmes also agree to meet the following criteria:

- 5.1 **Qualifications**  
That all teachers should be properly trained. This means taking a course that is equivalent to the CELTA before they start work. Courses for teachers of English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Portuguese already exist within the IH network. Teachers of other languages should also be required to take a similar training course before they start teaching.
- 5.2 **Levels**  
All schools offering courses to individual students must be able to offer classes at least 4 levels of ability. If the course offered is a year-round programme, this means that at least 4 levels should be available all year round; if it is a summer course, then 4 levels should be available throughout the summer.  
Exception: special, closed groups of students who have the same level, or schools that only offer 1:1 teaching.
- 5.3 **Facilities**  
Study Abroad schools must be able to offer suitable facilities for students. The minimum requirement would be a suitably resourced self-study centre that students can use after class.
- 5.4 **Accommodation**  
Schools must be able to offer suitable accommodation services to students.
- 5.5 **Social Programme**  
Schools should also organise an optional programme of extra-curricular learning, cultural and social activities including guided visits and excursions to places of interest in and around the school's location.

