

Studying abroad: an adventure in transitioning

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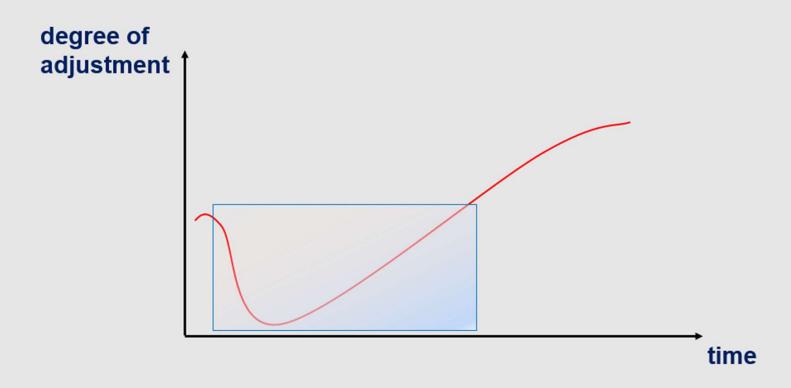
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Transition experiences



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Budapest transport







Student perceptions

As someone who was new to the country and the city, everything seemed perfect at first and I was very excited. However, as I continued living here, I couldn't help but see the bad sides of the whole thing.

What comes to my mind first is that after a certain time in the evening, like 7 or tops 9, everything closed, even the big shopping malls...

In my country everything is open until midnight or even after midnight. So if I want to go buy or drink something at a cafe, I could go at 10 p.m. and it would still be open...

Gülden



Student perceptions

This was the first time that I stayed away from my home country.

The first thing I would like to mention is that we don't really plan a meeting.

When we want to visit someone's home, we just go to their home, either have lunch or dinner there, and you are very welcome. And if you do have a planned gathering, you will be asked to stay as long as you can.

Xiao



Transition shock

"the emotional and physiological reaction of **high activation**

that is brought about by sudden immersion in a new and different culture."

LONELINESS
HELPLESSNESS &
WITHDRAWAL

DESIRE FOR HOME

TIREDNESS

IRRITABILITY

EXCESSIVE

(Bennett, J.M.1998: 216)



What helps you adapt?





The university's HELP network





HELP English-speaking local student mentors

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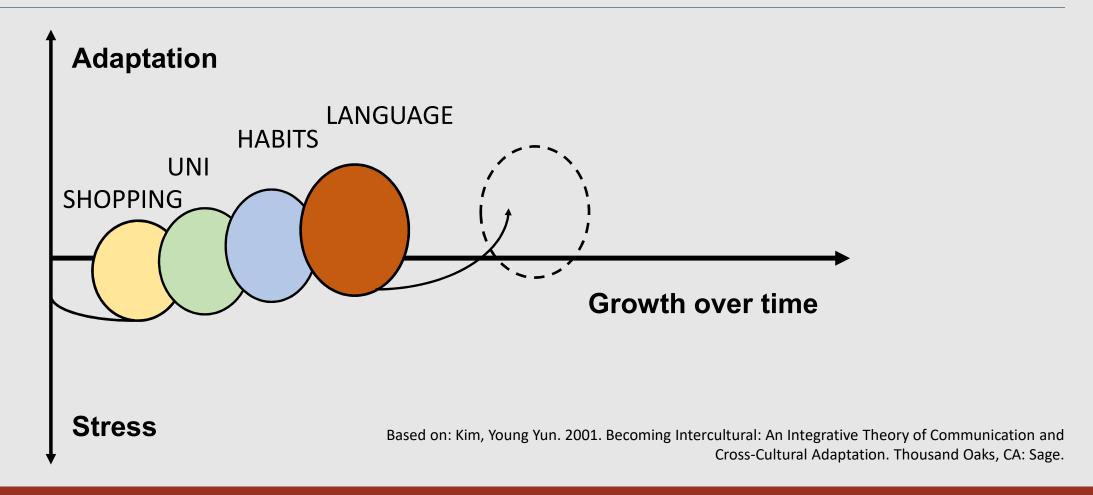
HELP workshops:

Being an international student – transitions, comunication, well-being





Transitioning as a process of learning and growth





Stay well!







Thank you for your attention!

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