

Course Schedule & Registration

Most courses are 12 to 14 weeks in length.

Courses are offered three times a year:

Fall Semester – September

Spring Semester – January

Summer Semester – May

To register, State Department personnel should visit the FSI Course Catalog on OpenNet and search by language keyword.

<http://reg.fsi.state.gov>

Other USG personnel may register on a reimbursable basis, and can contact the FSI Office of the Registrar to enroll.



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Distance Language Learning



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Distance Language Learning

For employees worldwide with full-time jobs and tight, often unpredictable schedules, the convenience of learner autonomy is important – Distance Language Learning fulfills that need.

From instructor-led courses to self-guided programs, federal government personnel, eligible family members (EFMs), and members of household (MOHs) may engage in any of the Distance Language Learning programs. Use any of the language courses to begin, refresh and maintain language proficiency. Students study at their own pace, where and when it is convenient.



“If you talk to man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

- Nelson Mandela



Mentored Courses

(Registration and online class participation required)

Express Familiarization

Basic language skills for daily functions.
Available in: Arabic I, II, III | Mandarin Chinese | Dari | French | German | Greek | Haitian Creole | Japanese | Pashto | Polish | Portuguese | Russian | Spanish | Urdu

Introductory

Basic language structure, grammar, and high-frequency vocabulary.
Available in: Korean | Persian (Farsi)

Intermediate

Intermediate listening/speaking and reading skills for daily functions.
Available in: French | Spanish

Listening Comprehension

Maintains and sharpens advanced listening skills.
Available in: French | Spanish

Consular Tradecraft

Language skills specific to consular work.
Available in: Russian | Spanish | Chinese

Diplomatic Security Tradecraft

Language skills specific to the work of diplomatic security agents.
Available in: Portuguese | Spanish

Conversion

Helps advanced speakers of one language make rapid progress in learning a closely-related language.
Available in: Russian to Polish | Spanish to Portuguese

People to People

Helps advanced speakers discuss societal issues.
Available in: Russian

Reading Maintenance

Maintains and sharpens advanced reading skills.
Available in: Arabic | Chinese | French | Polish | Portuguese | Russian | Spanish

Contemporary Topics

Helps intermediate and advanced students to improve their reading and speaking skills while exploring contemporary themes.
Available in: French | German

Blended Technology

Courses use free and available online technologies, and combine interactive activities with mentor instruction.
Available in: Iraqi Arabic

Self-Guided Study Programs

(Registration required)

Out & About Series

Introduces learners to the local language and cultural environment. Focuses on cities where the written language is complex.
Available for: Ankara | Athens | Bangkok | Beijing | Cairo | Guangzhou | Hanoi | Ho Chi Minh City | Istanbul | Jakarta | Kyiv | Moscow | Seoul | St. Petersburg | Tokyo

Alphabet Aid

Arabic | Dari | Persian (Farsi) | Pashto

Course Materials

Course materials are delivered online or on CD-ROMs for all instructor-led courses except *Reading Maintenance* and *Blended Technology* (online only).