



Proficiency in a foreign language is a distinct advantage in today's job market and an absolute necessity for some careers. With more than 45 years of experience providing high-quality language training, our expertise in the field has consistently led to proven results in the classroom. Our extensive curriculum, coupled with first-class texts and ancillary materials, has further enhanced our reputation as a premier provider of language training. During the last decade, the Graduate School's Foreign Language program has helped more than 80,000 students achieve their learning goals.



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LANGUAGE TRAINING.

ABOUT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL, USDA

For more than 80 years the Graduate School, USDA has provided professional development programs for people working to meet the challenges of—and make a difference in—government. A continuing education institution offering career-related courses to government employees and private sector staff working with government programs, the Graduate School promotes improvements in government performance and fosters individual advancement and lifelong learning.

COURSES AND ACADEMIC STATUS

The Graduate School, USDA offers a wide range of programs to serve you. Each year we deliver nearly 1,000 courses: day, evening and weekend classes; residential training programs; correspondence and self-study courses; and technology-enabled instruction. Classes are held in Washington, D.C. and at sites across the country and around the world. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and/or Continuing Professional Education Units (CPEs) are granted for most courses, and certificates of accomplishment are awarded to participants completing programs in selected areas. Although the Graduate School is not a degree-granting institution, some of our courses receive college credit recommendations. We are also partners with Thomas Edison State College in a program leading to a Master of Science in Management degree with a concentration in public sector auditing.

Courses presented by the Graduate School focus on current practices, policies, tools and techniques. Developed to meet your needs, these courses are rigorously reviewed and updated by subject matter experts and experienced curriculum designers. Program managers monitor emerging issues and changes in regulations and review evaluation feedback from students and instructors.

INFORMATION

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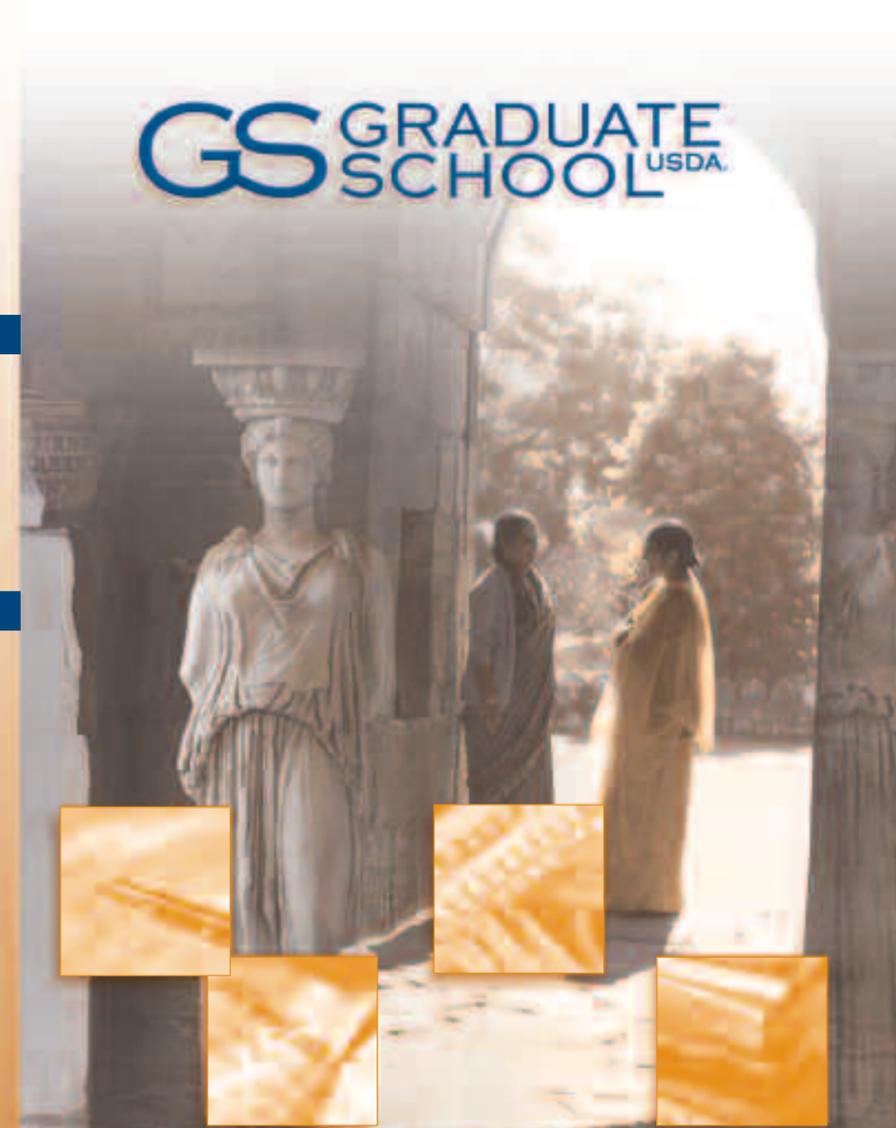
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FOREIGN
LANGUAGE
TRAINING CAPABILITIES

ALL OF OUR LANGUAGE COURSES CAN BE CUSTOMIZED TO MEET YOUR AGENCY'S UNIQUE NEEDS AND BROUGHT TO WHEREVER YOU ARE. THOSE MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ARE OFFERED AS REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENING AND WEEKEND SESSIONS IN OUR WASHINGTON, D.C. CLASSROOMS.

- ALBANIAN
- ARABIC*
- CHINESE (MANDARIN)*
- CZECH*
- ESOL
- FARSI
- FRENCH*
- GERMAN*
- GREEK (MODERN)*
- HINDI*
- INDONESIAN
- ITALIAN*
- JAPANESE*
- KOREAN*
- LITHUANIAN
- POLISH
- PORTUGUESE (BRAZILIAN)*
- RUSSIAN*
- SPANISH*
- SWAHILI
- SWEDISH
- THAI
- TURKISH*
- URDU
- VIETNAMESE

COURSES AND INFORMATION



The Graduate School, USDA's Foreign Language program provides a variety of innovative language training solutions, from short-term immersion to intensive or regularly paced courses. Whether you are new to the language or a fluent speaker, we meet your needs and emphasize the skills you need most, whether speaking, listening, reading or writing.

Our language courses are among the most popular evening and weekend courses offered by the Graduate School. The number of languages we offer has made us a valuable resource to professionals in international-minded Washington, D.C. For example, our extensive listing of Spanish courses reflects the language's growing importance both in the U.S. and around the world. Similarly, in order to meet the increasing demand for Arabic, we offer classes at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

We offer free online placement tests in French, German or Spanish for prospective students who are unsure of their proficiency levels.

Graduate School language courses can also be customized. Our faculty will consult with your organization to develop classes that meet your unique needs and requirements.

EXAMPLES OF THESE CUSTOM FORMATS INCLUDE:

Intensive Arabic, designed for the Army, helped to prepare participants for a targeted overseas assignment by providing 200 hours of language immersion over a six-week period.

Spanish on the Hill, taught early mornings to accommodate full political calendars, has helped prepare more than one hundred senators, members of Congress and staffers to communicate more effectively with their constituents.

English as a Second Language, developed for a defense agency, taught participants to communicate effectively with Pacific Rim counterparts who were familiar with conversational English but lacked technical English skills.

Intermediate Spanish, designed for the Peace Corps, was used with overseas volunteers, helping them to understand and relate to cultural issues as well as provide fluency in the language.

Arabic	Transcription
أ	ألف a 'alif
ب	باء b bā'
ت	تاء t tā'
ث	ثاء ṭ ṭā'
ج	جيم ḡ ḡim
ح	حاء h hā'
خ	خاء ḫ ḫā'
د	دال d dāl
ذ	ذال ḏ ḏāl
ر	راء r rā'
ز	زاي z zā'
س	سين s sīn
ش	شين ṣ ṣīn
ص	صاد ṣād
ض	ضاد ḏād

FACULTY AND CREDIT

The international nature of the Washington, D.C. area provides us with highly skilled language instructors. Our well-trained, experienced faculty, composed of dedicated native speakers, brings more than just vocabulary and grammar to the classroom. They provide students with cultural contexts for the language and use personal experience as well as current newspapers, magazines, videos and periodicals to present unique customs and traditions.

Our language courses are of standard undergraduate and graduate quality and are eligible for continuing education units (CEUs). Undergoing the same rigorous process as those offered by degree-granting colleges, many of our language courses have been evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) College Credit Recommendation Service and are eligible for transfer into degree programs at colleges and universities throughout the nation.

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