Center for Language Studies at Beloit College

Classes are open to high-achieving high school students, undergraduates, graduate students, working professionals, and adult learners. Scholarships are available for all languages.

June 13 - August 7, 2015
www.beloit.edu/cls
At the Beloit College Center for Language Studies (CLS) we are committed to you, the student. Whether you come to study Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or English as a Second Language, our program guarantees immersion – both in the classroom and beyond. Through our distinctive approach to personalized teaching and mentoring, engaging cultural activities, and interactions with fellow students over meals and in the residence halls, you will, during your summer at CLS, live the language as you learn it!

For that reason, we can honestly say our program offers you a true life and language experience.

What’s unique about Beloit’s Center for Language Studies?

* Our life and language approach
* The excellence of our faculty
* Our small class sizes and individualized attention

At CLS, we have two teachers per class with a maximum of 12 students in a class. Our faculty not only teach you but also eat with you and reside on campus, assuring that throughout the day you have someone to talk to in your target language, as well as someone to answer questions and to help you explore the intricacies of the language and the related culture, history, and society.

You will emerge from our program with confidence in the language, excellent grammar skills, and an appreciation for food, films, music, and other cultural mores.

What are people saying about CLS?

“The instructors and staff at CLS are unparalleled in their goal to unearth any and all knowledge of the language in which they teach. Their stupendous focus and patience testifies to their love and desire to indoctrinate their language into the minds of their aspiring students. I could not have asked for a more galvanized and motivated team of instructors and students, and having been provided with an opportunity to surround myself with highly motivated and driven individuals is an exceptional experience all in its own right.”

– Joshua Orr, 1st-year Arabic
A Practical Holistic Approach

We understand how people learn languages. Whether you are a beginning, intermediate, or advanced student, CLS intensive summer immersion courses are tailor-made for you!

All of our teachers use the communicative approach to language teaching. That means during your summer with us you will develop all four critical language skills – listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Of equal importance are the opportunities, imbedded in the language learning curriculum, to learn about the culture of each target language.

Instructors use textbooks along with audio-visual and computer-based materials as the core of their instructional resources. This core is then supplemented with songs, poetry, texts (literary, historical, political, etc.), Web sites, cartoons, and contemporary films. You can view the daily schedule on our website at www.beloit.edu/cls.

Our Instructors

CLS instructors come from institutions all over the country—Harvard, Ohio State, Purdue, and USC to name a few and most are native speakers. Each of our instructors is committed to the communicative approach, the use of technology, and your success. You will be assigned four to five hours of homework each night as part of the intensive nature of language learning, but your instructors will be available to help you complete it. Students consistently tell us that it is our instructors who make the program such a rewarding experience.

Instructors also meet regularly with students for tutorials, either in small groups or one-on-one, assuring that they are available to help you explore particular interests and address specific needs. You will also be learning from your instructors at language tables, movie discussions, and cultural programs.

Dawn ‘til Dusk—Target Language Policy

We expect all students to speak their target language during academic hours, which run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Whether in the classroom, on break, or in the dining hall, students should make every effort to adhere to this policy. Many students enroll in an intensive language program because they seek an immersion experience where the target language is spoken from dawn until dusk. We certainly encourage students to challenge themselves in this way; however, we realize that the ability to do this will vary considerably by level. First- and second-year students should make every effort to keep their use of English to a minimum. Third- and fourth-year students—having a wider vocabulary and greater competency—should speak the target language at all times.

With an increased vocabulary and multiple hours of continuous practice, CLS has given me the confidence of speaking the language I am learning. I could definitely see my improvement in Chinese after only four weeks of study. Although the program was intense and fast paced, the professors were really able to encourage us and teach us appropriately and efficiently. I definitely recommend this program to those who wish to have a firm grasp of a language; I can’t wait to go back in the future!

– Maria Bojorquez-Gomez, 3rd-year Chinese
Beloit College is recognized for its long-standing commitment to curricular innovation. The Beloit College community is passionate about engaging ideas and the world, making this setting the perfect home for the Center for Language Studies.

Located just 90 miles from Chicago, 50 miles from Madison, and 70 miles from Milwaukee, Beloit College offers more than fifty majors, more than thirty minors, a number of dual-degree and pre-professional programs, and more than thirty international programs. A flexible curriculum, grounded in rigorous study, encourages independent research, fieldwork, and collaboration with peers and professors. Coursework is interdisciplinary, experiential, and global in scope. Faculty serve as mentors, advisors, and colleagues. The result is a focused, expansive education rooted in imagination and experience.

The college’s academic facilities include the Logan Museum of Anthropology, the Wright Museum of Art, the Neese Theatre, a state-of-the-art performing arts complex, and the LEED-certified Center for the Sciences, a recently-opened facility where many of the CLS language classes are held.

Beloit’s wooded, forty-acre campus is marked by winding pathways, expansive lawns, displays of public art, and ancient Indian mounds. The college’s 1,300 students come from almost every state and more than forty nations. Ten percent of Beloit College students come from countries other than the United States.

Beloit College is distinguished by a commitment to independent thought, a concern for the common good, and a passionate critical engagement with the world.

‘Beloit is the center of civilization’, or at least that is what we were told when we first entered the CLS program. I was amazed by how much I learned and by how closely I bonded with both the students and professors in just one summer. I am truly grateful for my time at Beloit and I would recommend this program to anyone who has a strong interest in foreign languages. CLS is a haven for students to study and make meaningful friendships. For the time that I was at Beloit it was truly the center of civilization.

– Taylor Valley, 2nd-year Russian
Life and Language:
JOIN US FOR THE INTENSIVE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Dates, Fees, and Financial Aid
Dates for the CLS program are June 13 through August 7, 2015. Semester one, or the first four-week session, runs from June 13 to July 10; semester two, or the second four-week session, runs from July 12 to August 7. Upon completing the full eight-week program, you are awarded 12 semester hours of credit or 6 hours of credit for the 4-week sessions. The full program comprises approximately 180 hours of classroom instruction.

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Competitive scholarships are available to help cover the costs of tuition. Please visit the Web site at http://www.beloit.edu/cls/finaid/ for specific details about these scholarships.

* Comprehensive fee based on the purchase of full meal plan and double occupancy room.

Applying: What you need to know
No previous knowledge or experience is required for any of the beginning language programs; appropriate prior instruction or consent of the instructor will determine placement at intermediate and advanced levels.

I. Required Items for Application
   A. Completed application for admission, including a one-page statement.
   B. Official college or secondary school transcript
   C. One letter of recommendation
   D. $25 application fee
   E. Additional two-page essay if applying for a competitive scholarship

II. International applicants requiring a visa need to submit financial documentation and a copy of their passport, in addition to items A, B, C, and D listed above.

All applicants will be notified as soon as possible after receipt of the required items. Applicants accepted to the program are required to deposit $200 to guarantee a place in the program. This deposit is non-refundable.

Mail items that cannot be submitted online to:
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