



Arabic
Azerbaijani
Bangla
Chinese
Hindi
Indonesian
Japanese
Korean
Persian
Punjabi
Russian
Swahili
Turkish
Urdu

Critical Language Scholarship Program

FUNDED PROGRAM FOR SUMMER LANGUAGE STUDY

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is an intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for American students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities. Students spend eight to ten weeks abroad studying one of 14 critical languages. The program includes intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote rapid language gains.

CLS, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, is part of a government initiative to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering foreign languages that are critical to **national security** and **economic prosperity**. CLS plays an important role in preparing students for the 21st century's **globalized workforce** and increasing **national competitiveness**.

Most languages offered by the CLS Program require no previous study:

Open to students at all language levels	Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish and Urdu
One year prior study required	Arabic and Persian
Intermediate and advanced students	Chinese, Japanese and Russian

BENEFITS OF THE CLS PROGRAM

- **Full scholarship** covers all travel, tuition and housing, and a living stipend.
- Participants may **receive undergraduate academic credit** for the equivalent of one year of language classes.
- CLS participants have their **language gains certified** with the widely-recognized ACTFL OPI test.
- Eight to ten week summer program welcomes **students from all academic disciplines**.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled in a U.S. degree-granting program at the undergraduate or graduate level. Students pursuing associates or professional degrees at community colleges and technical schools are also eligible and encouraged to apply.

Students in all disciplines, including business, engineering, sciences, social sciences, and humanities are encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted each fall for programs beginning the following summer.

The CLS Program welcomes all eligible applications and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

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