Welcome back, language learners and friends!

We hope you all had a wonderful, productive, and restful summer. We are looking forward to starting this fall term with you all and hope to see you in the ND language classes, at the many events and conversation hours on campus, and around the CSLC. Although Fall 2023 hasn’t quite started yet, we already have a full semester ahead of us, packed with language and culture events brought to you by the ND language departments, international scholars, cultural institute partners, and of course the CSLC itself.

Bookmark our calendar and check back often, since we are always adding more new events and programs!

Welcome Alanna O'Shea - program coordinator

Alanna is an alumna of Saint Mary’s College ('19) and she will serve as the head of the Media Team. Alanna strives to ensure that the CSLC is a place where each student has the opportunity to enrich their interest in the world’s languages and cultures. She firmly believes that when you keep an open mind to learning about others, you will also learn a lot about yourself.

Read Student Content: SLA & FLIP

This summer 67 students traveled all over the world with Summer Language Abroad (SLA) grants to improve their language skills through immersion. They have thoughtfully shared some of their reflections on their travels and experience, so be sure to check them out!
Summer 2023 was also the inaugural year of the Foreign Language Internship Program (FLIP), where 12 undergraduate students with a language major/supplementary major were sponsored to travel and gain professional experience as part of the Arts and Letters Beyond the Dome initiative. Our interns worked at start-ups, biochemical laboratories, business consulting firms, NGOs, and more! Don't miss out on reading about their experiences and learn more about the FLIP program. On September 1, 2023, we will begin accepting nominations from faculty for Summer 2024 placements.

Learn more about FLIP

Welcome to our 2023-2024 FLTA Cohort!

We are so excited to welcome 9 Fulbright Teaching Assistants to our campus this academic year. We will highlight each of them in more detail throughout the year, but encourage you to reach out to them and make them feel welcome.

Isadora Teles de Oliveira Gouveia -- Portuguese FLTA Brazil
Shauna Ni Dhochartaigh -- Irish FLTA Ireland
Grace Nyamwilahila Jackson -- Swahili FLTA Tanzania
Fidaa Owdeallah -- Arabic FLTA Palestine (West Bank)
Niall Páirc -- Irish FLTA Ireland
Payal Priya -- Hindi FLTA India
Galiiia Sadykova -- Russian FLTA Russia
Cherrin Song -- Korean FLTA South Korea
Dayana Velásquez -- Quechua FLTA Ecuador

You Can Still Take a LCTL in Fall 2023

All languages are beautiful and worthy of study, but did you know you can take a Less Commonly Taught Language (LCTL) at Notre Dame? Start or continue your language learning journey with our small classes and visiting Fulbright instructors. These languages may not be commonly taught in the US, but they’re widely spoken all over the world!

LCTL Courses

English for Academic Purposes
The English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program offers support for the linguistic, academic, and cultural needs of the international community at Notre Dame.

**FALL 2023 EAP Courses**

CSLC 13002*/73002 Academic Writing for International Students

(3 credits, Grading: S/U)  
T, Th, 2:00 - 3:15 | Instructor: E. Julia Kim  
*CSLC 13002 meets the writing intensive requirement (WRIT) for undergraduate students.

CSLC 73005 Academic and Technical Presentations for International Graduate Students  
(3 credits, Grading: S/U)  
T, Th 3:30 - 4:45 | Instructor: E. Julia Kim

**EAP Tutoring**

If you are an international student, faculty, post-doc, visiting scholar, or staff member and you need assistance with anything academic, linguistic, or cultural, you can sign up for a web-based tutoring session with an EAP tutor. Tutoring will begin on Aug. 28 and will be held via Zoom. Click [here](#) to schedule an appointment.

**English Conversation Tables**

The English Conversation Table is a great chance to practice English and make some new friends. It is free and open to anyone at Notre Dame. The meetings are held on Fridays, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Snacks are provided. The first meeting will be held on Aug. 25. For more information about the ECT and location information, check our website or contact Joshua Barthuly (barthulyjosh@gmail.com).

**EAP Workshops**

**Stars, Stripes, and Culture Shocks: Why Are Americans Like That?**

Friday, Sept. 8, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  [Register Here](#)  

*Have you ever felt confused or upset by Americans? If you have ever wondered why Americans are the way they are, join us as we explore American culture and share the experiences that have left us asking, "why are Americans like that?"*

**Mind Your Language: Academic Etiquette in Advisor/Student Relationships**

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  [Register Here](#)  

*Join us to explore key strategies for fostering healthy and successful relationships between students, their academic advisors, and professors. Topics will include how to ask your professor for help, how to request letters of recommendation, and how to write emails in the appropriate style and language.*

"A Feather in Your Cap": Idioms Frequently Used in North American Academia

Friday, Oct. 13, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  [Register Here](#)
Idioms are expressions that often have their meanings "lost in translation" and sometimes leave nonnative speakers in a wake of confusion. Together, we will unpack some English idioms that are frequently used in academic and professional settings.

Language, Identity, & Perceptions
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Register Here

This panel discussion explores the intricate relationship between language, identity, and societal norms as our esteemed panelists dissect how our words wield immense influence over our perceptions and experiences. Join us for an engaging exploration of language’s transformative role in shaping the human narrative.

A, The, An-tics of Confusing Little Words: English Articles for Advanced Students
Friday, Nov. 17, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Register Here

English articles (a, the, an) are the most frequently used words in English, and yet, they are one of the most difficult items to master for many nonnative learners. This session introduces participants to advanced usage rules of English articles to gain a better understanding of article usage.

Globally Engaged Citizens (GEC) Program
The GEC recognizes what you already do to engage with other languages and cultures. The CSLC launched the GEC program in Fall 2021 and currently has 185+ students applying for this recognition. The program is open to every student at Notre Dame, regardless of major, college, or language study background. You can register at any time. Curious? Click below to learn more and to register. If you have any questions about the award, you can contact Eva Hoeckner (ehoeckn2@nd.edu).

Learn More about GEC

Peer Tutoring for Languages
Language tutoring is free to everyone in our community! Meet with a native speaker or advanced language student to practice, review, and enhance your language skills. Like you, tutors are still finalizing their courses in the first week of the semester. New schedules will start Monday August 28, 2023.

Book a Tutor

Media Team at your Service!
The CSLC media team is a resource for language departments, language and culture student groups, and our language learning
community. We can help spread the word about your meetings, events, and more, just let us know!

Submit a Media Request

Your Support Matters.
Thanks to you, the CSLC is able to continue fulfilling its mission to support the advancement of linguistic proficiency and cultural awareness for students in all languages across the Notre Dame community. All funds received from donors are used to support student language and culture programs.

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