Virtual Language & Culture Study At Your Fingertips

The U.S. Department of State's Virtual NSLI-Y is a 10-week, beginner-level foreign language and cultural experience for Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Russian, or Turkish.

Successful candidates will participate in a virtual class with approximately 10 students and an experienced language teacher to meet twice a week for 90 minutes per session.

APPLY BY: Thursday, June 30th by 4PM ET

Start Learning Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Russian, Turkish

Virtual National Security Language Initiative for Youth (Virtual NSLI-Y), a program of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, introduces U.S. high school students to languages critical to U.S. national security.

PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

LANGUAGES: Beginner’s level Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Russian, or Turkish.

PROGRAM DATES: Fall 2022 will run from the week of September 12 - week of November 14, 2022.

COSTS: No program costs, but a computer and internet access is needed. Financial assistance may be available.

WHO: U.S. citizens who are high school students. Full eligibility criteria at www.nsiliforyouth.org/virtual

CLASS SCHEDULES: Each class is 90 minutes and held twice a week, with one of the following schedules:

- Monday, Wednesday: 6:30-8PM
- Tuesday, Thursday: 7-8:30PM
- Wednesday: 6:30-8:00 PM; Saturday: 10:30AM-12PM
- Thursday, Sunday: 7-8:30PM

All class times are U.S. Eastern timezone. No classes are held on U.S. federal holidays so minor rescheduling may occur.

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"I loved having the opportunity to study a language that isn't offered in most schools, with other students across the US. The cultural lessons were very fun and provided me with a look into the country of Turkey itself and the history of the language. The organized class setting allowed me to grasp grammar concepts while gaining important vocabulary, and I had a great professor to answer all of my questions along the way."

- Alice, Virtual NSLI-Y Fall 2021

ACTIVITIES
Virtual NSLI-Y classes may include the following activities:

- Interactive instruction from an experienced language teacher via video conference and asynchronous class collaboration space
- Homework, quizzes, and language assessments
- Skits, roleplays, video entries, and projects
- Conversation practice
- Cultural and language learning opportunities, including featured guests such as:
  - NSLI-Y alumni
  - U.S. government or private sector employees
  - Peers or professionals in countries where the target language is spoken
- Virtual tours of sites of historic and/or cultural significance, like museums and markets
- Videos related to cultural learning or grammatical concepts in the target language

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
Virtual NSLI-Y is designed to help students achieve a “Novice Low” rating in the target language, according to ACTFL ratings\(^1\) and standards\(^2\). Upon completion, students are also expected to demonstrate abilities in global competence\(^3\) by:

- Investigating the world
- Recognizing perspectives
- Communicating ideas and/or
- Taking action

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www.nsliforyouth.org/virtual

1. www.languagetesting.com/oral-proficiency-interview-opi/
2. www.actfl.org/publications/all/world-readiness-standards-learning-languages
3. sites.asiasociety.org/education/globalcompetence/