



Virtual language and culture study at your fingertips



LEARN ARABIC, CHINESE (MANDARIN), HINDI, KOREAN, RUSSIAN, OR TURKISH

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

The U.S. State Department's Virtual NSLI-Y program is a 10-week language and culture experience for those beginning language learning. Virtual NSLI-Y participants gain critical language, cross-cultural communications, and other practical skills in an online setting.

Participants receive a full scholarship to participate in virtual classes twice a week, led by an experienced teacher. Class size is approximately 10 students.



APPLY BY:

**Thursday, June 15
@ 4PM ET**

No prior foreign language learning experience required!

PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

LANGUAGES: Beginner-level Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Russian, or Turkish

FALL 2023 CLASS DATES: Week of September 10 - Week of November 12

COSTS: None, but access to a computer and internet is required for participation. Financial assistance may be available.

ELIGIBILITY: U.S. citizen students in U.S.-based high schools. Full eligibility requirements available at www.nsliforyouth.org/virtual

SCHEDULES: 90-minute classes, twice a week following one of these schedules:

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

All times are ET.

Sessions that fall on a federal holiday will be rescheduled.



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"Virtual NSLI-Y helped foster my love for learning languages, which will help bridge barriers in communication and open up further career opportunities."

-Virtual NSLI-Y Hindi alum

"The course was incredibly challenging, yet incredibly engaging and fulfilling. Every single class, day after day, I left wanting to learn more."

-Virtual NSLI-Y Korean alum

ACTIVITIES

Participants will engage in the following:

- Interactive instruction from an experienced language teacher via video conference and asynchronous class collaboration space
- Homework, quizzes, and language assessments
- Skits, roleplays, videos, and projects
- Conversation practice
- Cultural and language learning opportunities, featuring guests such as:
 - NSLI-Y alumni
 - U.S. government or private sector employees who use language and cultural skills
 - Experts on traditional arts and cuisine
- 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

PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES

Virtual NSLI-Y is meant for participants with no prior experience in their chosen language, and is designed to help participants develop confidence and build a solid foundation for future language learning.

Through Virtual NSLI-Y, students will also demonstrate global competence¹ by:

- Investigating the world
- Better recognizing their own and others' perspectives
- Effectively communicating ideas
- Taking action to make a difference locally, regionally, and globally



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¹<https://sites.asiasociety.org/education/globalcompetence/>