Virtual NSLI-Y
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. Participants gain critical language, cross-cultural communication, and other practical skills in an interactive 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.

PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

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

WHEN TO APPLY: Apply for the Fall 2024 session between late April and June 10. Apply for the Winter 2025 session between mid-September and October 17.

COSTS: None! Virtual NSLI-Y is a cost-free scholarship. Access to a computer and internet is required for participation. Financial assistance may be available.


No prior foreign language learning experience required!

Participants report increased interest, confidence, and readiness for international travel and cross-cultural experiences.

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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 Zoom and Canvas
- Homework and language assessments
- Skits, roleplays, videos, and projects
- Conversation practice
- Cultural and language learning opportunities, featuring guests such as:
  - Experts on traditional arts and cuisine
  - NSLI-Y study abroad alumni
  - U.S. government or private sector employees who use language and cultural skills
- Virtual tours of sites of historic and/or cultural significance
- Videos related to cultural learning or grammatical concepts in the target language
- Optional community-building activities like online game nights, icebreakers, and supplemental info sessions

**PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES**

Virtual NSLI-Y is meant for students with no prior experience in their chosen language, and is designed to help 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/](https://sites.asiasociety.org/education/globalcompetence/)