



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.

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## PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

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

**WHEN TO APPLY:** Apply for the *Winter 2025* session between mid-September and October 22.

**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.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen students in U.S.-based high schools. Full eligibility requirements available at [www.nsliforyouth.org/virtual](https://www.nsliforyouth.org/virtual)

**No prior foreign language learning experience required!**

**Participants report increased readiness, interest, and confidence 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 you develop confidence and build a solid foundation for future language learning.

Through Virtual NSLI-Y, students will also demonstrate global competence<sup>1</sup> 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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<sup>1</sup><https://sites.asiasociety.org/education/globalcompetence/>