

Why should you learn another language in addition to English?



Students participate in a cooking class in Costa Rica

An investment in an international experience pays!



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Because employers are looking for it!

"Everybody wants to be in international business. If you speak a foreign language, that's what gets you a chance to get there in competition with all the others who go on dreaming. Without my foreign language ability, which I acquired as a student, I would not have gotten my career in international business..." (Dr. Hilmar Zeissig, President of Houston International Business Corp).

"More than 30 federal agencies regularly recruit for some 34,000 professional positions that require foreign language proficiency." (source: Institute for International Education, U.S. Dept. of Education Study).

"Proficiency in a foreign language enhances our ability to make contributions that may be lost or diminished by the barrier caused by the lack of direct communication. One will also benefit from thoughts that otherwise might never be heard. The awkwardness and the separation caused by translations inhibit human relationships, for in every translation something is lost, being it nuisance or context." (Ed Monto, Bank Director-Metro Bank, N.A.)

Because competition in the marketplace will demand it!

"If you don't have foreign language capabilities by the time you graduate, you will be at a competitive disadvantage. Your counterparts at other universities are going to 'out speak' you, and be hired instead of you." Competition in the marketplace will demand it. (Deborah E. Walker '81, Attorney and CEO of her own law firm in Austria)

"Learning to speak different languages gives students a "heads up" competitive advantage and more job opportunities when compared to their peers." (Vidal Gonzalez, Jr. '72, Senior Vice President of Jourdantan State Bank)

"Taking time to experience another country, its customs, their people and language demonstrates that a person is willing to learn, willing to trust, will make a decision, is adaptable and has taken a step forward, where many others step back or stand still. These are qualities I look for in people I want to work with." (Gary Richardson '76, President of Plantacor, Inc.)

"Respect is earned if one tries to learn the language of the person with whom one is conducting business. We must be able to communicate with others in order to properly understand one another and consequently commence a friendship. Learning another language is paramount to understanding another culture and the subtleties of body language and eye communication enhance the understanding of a conversation or business dealing. The most effective way to communicate is learning to speak another's language..." (Pablo Marvin '66, Real Estate Manager and Developer)

"Knowledge of a foreign language provides the most effective insights into local cultures, and builds a bridge to understanding of other peoples." (Mahmood Mushtaq, Ret. Regional Vice president of Penzoil Products Co.)

Language Study Opportunities

Bryan/College Station

**Reciprocal Exchange Programs
(REEP)**

Affiliate Study Abroad Opportunities

For Academic Credit:

• **Texas A&M University:**

Department of European and Classical

Languages and Cultures:

Phone: (979) 845-2124

web address: <http://euro.tamu.edu>

Department of Hispanic Studies

Phone: (979) 845-2125

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• **Blinn College:**

Phone: (979) 209-7200

web address: <http://www.blinn.edu/Brazos>

Non-Credit:

Language Learning Institute (LLI):

web address: <http://lli.tamu.edu>

Association for Language Learning

Phone: (979) 845-3018

email address: allanguage@tamu.edu

Community Education Classes

In Bryan/College Station provided by Parks and Recreation's XTRA Education Program:

phone: (979) 764-3486

web address: <http://www.cstx.gov/home/index.asp?page=737>

Ecuador, Universidad San Francisco de Quito,

<http://www.usfq.edu.ec/>

France, Université de Caen,

<http://www.unicaen.fr/>

Germany, Universität Tübingen,

<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/>

Japan, Osaka University, [http://](http://ex.isc.osaka-u.ac.jp/oussep/)

ex.isc.osaka-u.ac.jp/oussep/

Mexico, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, <http://www.itesm.mx/>

<http://www.itesm.mx/>

Mexico, Universidad de las Américas Puebla,

<http://www.udlap.mx>

Republic of Korea (South Korea), Soonchunhyang University, <http://www.english.sch.ac.kr/>

<http://www.english.sch.ac.kr/>

Singapore, National University of Singapore,

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/>

Switzerland, Université de Lausanne, <http://www.unil.ch/>

<http://www.unil.ch/>

United Kingdom, Lancaster University,

<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/>

Academic Programs International (API) – San Marcos, TX: www.academicintl.com

American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) – Stamford, CT: www.aifsabroad.com

Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) – Portland, ME: www.ciee.org

Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA) – Tempe, AZ: www.gowithcea.com

Denmark International Study (DIS) – Copenhagen, Denmark: www.disp.dk

Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) – Chicago, IL: www.iesabroad.org

International Studies Abroad (ISA) – Austin, TX: www.studiesabroad.com

Kukulcan Language Institute – Cuernavaca, Mexico: www.kukulcan.com.mx

School for International Training (SIT) – Brattleboro, VT: www.sit.edu/studyabroad

Study Australia – Notre Dame, IN: www.study-australia.com

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