

Education and Language Acquisition Dept

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HERITAGE LANGUAGE

IN

ARABIC, BENGALI, CHINESE, FRENCH, ITALIAN, JAPANESE, KOREAN, POLISH, RUSSIAN, SPANISH, TIBETAN, AND PORTUGUESE

- Did you learn a language other than English at home, possibly from your parents rather than school?
- Do you speak a language other than English like a native speaker, but you are not confident with high-register (classy) vocabulary?
- Do you want use your bilingual skills for your professional career?

Heritage language (105-level) courses are designed for heritage speakers of non-English language -- those who were born in or came to the U.S. at early age and learned a non-English language at home or in their local community. Research and our experience show that these heritage language students are fluent in oral language, but they are unable to take full advantage of their bilingual ability due to the limited knowledge in formal language, especially the written form of a high register language. Our heritage language courses will help students improve their heritage language fluency in a high-register setting, such as writing formal reports, conducting business negotiations, and discussing social and political issues in structured arguments. The heritage language course will help students develop their bilingual skills to be more competitive in the job market and/or in a workplace.

If you are interested, please visit B-206 to have your language proficiency evaluated. You may call 718-482-5466 or sign up for the placement exam online at http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/ela/ml/mlLab.htm