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Introduction to the Modern Languages and Literatures Program (LIF101)



*“The limits of my language mean
the limits of my world.”*

Ludwig Wittgenstein



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12 languages are offered

most of them are in Pathways Flexible Core

6 days a week walk-in tutoring

at the Modern Language Lab (~~M-F 9am-8pm on M-F and S 9am-3pm~~) **online**

3 Exemption Credits

if you pass an upper-level language class without taking prerequisite courses





Modern Languages Program

- 12 regularly offered languages: American Sign Language, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish (also Tibetan, Uzbek, Haitian Creole)



The Modern Languages and Literatures Program

- 100-level courses (101, 102, 103, and 104)
 - Elementary- and Intermediate-level courses for students learning a new language
 - Each class has a lab/tutoring hour by a student tutor
- 105-level course
 - For students who speak non-English language at home
- 200-level courses
 - Content-base courses taught in the target language (e.g., literature class taught in Spanish) for students who are highly proficient in the non-English language.



Bilinguals in Global Society

Nearly 75% of LaGuardia students have some degree of bilingual background. However, not many students are effectively using their bilingual skills for their careers. Some of our classes are designed to enhance students' home language proficiency for their future jobs and academic goals.



Language builds study habits

Language learning help students build regular study habits. Our language faculty and language tutors at the Modern Language Lab will help you develop your regular study habits.



Pathways and Transfer

Almost all modern language courses are in Pathways WCGI/USE. Also, quite a few majors at CUNY senior colleges require a certain level of proficiency in foreign language



Exemption (Life Experience) credits

Students who have passed an upper level class without taking the lower-level course(s) (e.g., passing ELS103 without taking ELS101 and ELS102) will receive 3 Exemption Credits in addition to the regular 3 credits for the class. Exemption Credits are honored at LaGuardia and can be used toward the graduation requirement. Keep in mind that not all CUNY campuses accept Life Experience (Exemption) credits.



Co-Curricular Events

Our program hosts many co-curricular activities for students learning a new/home language.

- ~~— NYS Court Interpreter Internship~~
- Modern Language Fair
- Language and Career Fair
- ~~— Study Abroad Scholarships (Gilman, Boren, CLS etc)~~



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