Language at the Monterey Institute: Unparalleled Opportunities

Language and intercultural communication lie at the very heart of the Monterey Institute’s mission. To “be the solution” is to view language as a way to connect rather than a barrier, and to use it to facilitate dialogue between different peoples and cultures.

Students at the Monterey Institute are required to demonstrate a high level of language proficiency. However, the centrality of language learning and teaching to the Monterey Institute experience extends far beyond this expectation. As a graduate school of Middlebury College, the Monterey Institute is part of a spectrum of language learning opportunities that is unmatched anywhere, ranging from middle school language camps to advanced graduate degrees.

At the Institute, language learning and teaching are concentrated in four interrelated areas: intensive language programs; content-based language studies integrated into the international policy and MBA curricula; language teaching; and translation, interpretation and localization management.

Content-Based Language Studies
Language instruction is offered in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish in connection with the Institute’s International Policy and Management degree programs. These content-based language courses enable students to focus on professionally relevant areas such as politics, business, policy, environment, and social issues in their language of study while pursuing their career goals.

Intensive Language Programs
The Monterey Institute offers short-term, intensive, and customized language instruction options for both degree and non-degree students:

- **Summer Intensive Language Program** – An eight-week program with up to five hours of intensive small group instruction per day, focusing on the development of language skills and cultural knowledge.
- **Intensive English as a Second Language (ESL)** - Intensive, 10-week programs that focus on learning English for academic and professional purposes; customized programs also available.
- **Custom Language Services** – Customized, individualized programs in any language for individuals including corporate executives, business consultants, government officials, and professionals.

- **English for Diplomats** - Content-focused English courses and workshops integrating trade and policy studies, economics, negotiation, and conflict resolution to prepare government and diplomatic officials for international work.

Language Teaching

The Institute’s master’s degree programs in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Teaching a Foreign Language (TFL) are commonly cited as among the best in the world. The combination of strong academic preparation and practical pedagogical training equips teachers to be flexible and innovative in responding to a range of learners in a variety of teaching and curricular contexts. Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) and Language Program Administration (LPA) curriculum components allow students to develop professional expertise in areas extremely valuable to the language education field.

Translation, Interpretation, and Localization Management
The Institute is one of the world’s leading trainers of language professionals, offering master’s degree programs in Conference Interpretation, Translation, Translation and Interpretation, and Translation and Localization Management. We offer training in both European and Asian languages, including Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish. Graduates

Saltanat Yerbolatova (right, MACI ’11) interpreted for the South Korean Women’s Ice Hockey Team at the Asian Winter Games in Kazakhstan in February 2011.
work in government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and international businesses around the world, serving as interpreters at the United Nations, at the International Criminal Court, at the Olympic Games, and in hospitals and courtrooms. Graduates also play important roles in business communication as interpreters and translators, and as localization specialists modifying products or services to adapt to language and cultural differences in international markets. Short-term professional development courses are also available for those working in the field.

Monterey and Middlebury: The Full Spectrum of Language Education

For nearly 100 years, Middlebury College has been a leader in language instruction, pioneering its immersive approach to “living the language” as a foundation for international studies in many disciplines. Today, Middlebury and the Monterey Institute are uniquely poised to lead the entire spectrum of language education, offering a continuum of unparalleled language learning opportunities, from middle school through graduate school, that is unmatched by any other institution in the world. In addition to the Monterey Institute programs detailed above, this continuum also includes:

- **Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy**
  Four-week summer immersion program in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, and Spanish for students in grades 8-12.

- **Middlebury Undergraduate Language Programs**
  Instruction in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

- **Middlebury Language Schools**
  Six- to nine-week summer immersion program for undergraduate and graduate students.

- **C.V. Starr-Middlebury Schools Abroad**
  Semester-long undergraduate and graduate educational experiences in the host country’s language at 36 sites around the world.

For more information on these and other programs, visit www.middlebury.edu.

Paula Manrique (MACI ’09) interpreted for President Bill Clinton at an economic conference in Sevilla, Spain in November 2009.

Heather Kokesch (MATESOL ’11) taught English to students in the Philippines.

Team Monterey students in El Salvador in January 2011, working in Spanish with local program staff.