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 language studies integrated into the international policy and MBA curricula; intensive language programs; language teaching; and translation, interpretation, and localization management.

Language and Intercultural Studies
Content-based 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 instruction 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.

We believe that intercultural communication and understanding are essential for international policy and international management professionals and also offer a suite of courses focused on intercultural communication for our students.

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.
- **Summer Intensive College English** – Immersive, four-week program designed to prepare international students for both the academic and social aspects of university life in the U.S.

Language Teaching
The Institute’s master’s degree programs in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Teaching 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. Language Program Administration (LPA) and International Education Management (IEM) specializations offer students the opportunity to develop professional expertise to complement the teaching degrees.
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. Portuguese is available in our Translation and Localization Management program. Graduates work in government agencies, nongovernmental 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.

Interpretation Students Dominate International Competition

A delegation of second-year Chinese Translation and Interpretation students led by Prof. Wallace Chen (MATI ’95) once again dominated the 2nd Annual Televis Simultaneous Interpreting Competition in Newcastle, England in May 2014. Suwen Feng (MACI ’14) came in first, Yanbo Wang (MACI ’14) placed third, and Xinyu (Jennifer) Zhang (MACI ’14) finished fifth in this prestigious international competition. “Together, the three highly talented contestants made MIIS and Chinese T&I shine once again after our first victory last year at the same event,” said Prof. Chen.

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, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish and graduate studies 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.