Language at the Middlebury Institute: Unparalleled Opportunities

Language and intercultural communication lie at the very heart of the Middlebury Institute’s mission. At the Institute, language is a way to connect rather than a barrier, a means to facilitate dialogue between different peoples and cultures.

Students at the Middlebury Institute are required to demonstrate a high level of language proficiency. However, the centrality of language learning and teaching to the Middlebury Institute experience extends far beyond this expectation. Along with the Middlebury Language Schools, Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy, and other Middlebury programs, the four interrelated areas: content-based 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 we also offer a suite of courses focused on intercultural communication for our students.

Intensive Language Programs

The Middlebury Institute offers short-term, intensive, and customized language instruction options for both degree and nondegree 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 sessions 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 individuals.

- **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 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 and International Education Management specializations offer students the opportunity to develop professional expertise to complement the teaching degrees. Short-term professional development courses are also available for those working in the 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. 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.

Monterey and Middlebury: The Full Spectrum of Language Education

For 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 College and the 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 and beyond. In addition to the Middlebury Institute programs detailed above, this continuum also includes the following:

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

- **Middlebury College 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 with studies in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

- **Middlebury C.V. Starr 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](http://www.middlebury.edu).