

WLC 111: Beginning Language I through Transparent Language

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Interested in a unique guided independent language learning experience this summer? You can choose one of over 100 different languages (see below) and cultures to explore! Many of these languages are not taught often, many are considered “critical” to US security and economic concerns, and others represent indigenous languages. The language learning takes place in Transparent Language, a new database available at Concordia. Students will learn asynchronously on their own guided by Professor Rawson. Professor Rawson does not speak or know all of these languages personally but is an expert in language learning and will help guide the process. She will also help guide students’ independent explorations into the culture and history of the different languages being studied through a cultural portfolio assignment, which involves seeking connections with native speakers.

Course description:

WLC 111 is designed for students with little or no previous knowledge of the target language. This course is designed to present and reinforce the four basic language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing and all of the modes of communication (interpretive, interpersonal, and presentation). We follow the World Readiness Standards and incorporate communication, culture, connections, comparisons, and community in all classes. We have an emphasis on justice and sustainability, broadly understood, in all of our courses. We also emphasize intercultural communicative competence in all of our courses. We want to get to know the cultures, history, and peoples who speak the target language around the world and in the United States and know how to interact with them in appropriate ways. In the end, we hope this course helps develop curious and courageous global citizens.

We find inspiration in the mission and goals of the Concordia Language Villages:

A courageous global citizen lives responsibly by

- Appreciating and seeking to understand diverse cultural perspectives
- Communicating with competence and cultural sensitivity in multiple languages
- Respecting human dignity and cultivating compassion
- Engaging critically and creatively with issues that transcend boundaries
- Advancing a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world for all

Languages in Transparent Language

1. Akrikaans		a. Dakota	58. Kazakh	87. Quechua
2. Albanian		b. Sisseton Dakotah	59. Kituba	88. Romanian
3. Altai	27. Danish		60. Koasati	89. Russian
4. Amharic	28. Dari		61. Korean	90. Scottish Gaelic
5. Arabic	29. Denaakk'e (Koyukon)		62. Kurdish	91. Serbian
a. Modern Standard Arabic	30. Denesuline		63. Kwakwala	92. Shughni
b. Egyptian	31. Duth		64. Latin	93. Slovak
c. Iraqi	32. English		65. Latvian	94. Somali
d. Levantine	33. Esperanto		66. Laz	95. Spanish
6. Armenian	34. Estonian		67. Lithuanian	a. Latin American Spanish
7. Azerbaijani	35. Farsi		68. Luxembourgish	b. Castilian Spanish
8. Balinese	36. Finnish		69. Macedonian	
9. Baluchi	37. French		70. Malagasy	96. Swahili
10. Bambara	a. French		71. Malay	97. Swedish
11. Bashkir	b. Canadian French		72. Maori	98. Tagalog
12. Belarusian	c. Moroccan French		73. Michif	99. Tajiki
13. Bengali	38. Georgian		74. Mirandese	100. Tamil
14. Benhti Kanag' (Lower Tanana)	39. German		75. Mongolian	101. Tanacross
15. Bosnian	40. Greek		76. Nahuatl	102. Thai
16. Breton	41. Gwich'in (Dinjii Zhuh K'yaa)		77. Naskapi	103. Tohono O'odham
17. Bulgarian	42. Haitian Creole		78. Nepali	104. Tongan
18. Buriat	43. Hån		79. Nogai	105. Turkish
19. Cambodian (Khmer)	44. Hausa		80. Norwegian	106. Turkmen
20. Chechen	45. Hawaiian		81. Oji-Cree	107. Tuvan
21. Cherokee	46. Hebrew		82. Ojibwe	108. Ukrainian
22. Chinese	47. Hindi		a. Ojibwe	109. Upper Tanana (Nee'aanèegn')
a. Mandarin Simplified	48. Hmong		b. Central Ojibwe	
b. Mandarin Traditional	49. Holikachuk		c. Northwestern Ojibwe	110. Urdu
c. Cantonese	50. Hungarian		83. Pashto	111. Uzbek
23. Cree	51. Icelandic		84. Polish	a. Uzbek – Cyrillic
24. Croatian	52. Indonesian		85. Portuguese	b. Uzbek – Latin
25. Czech	53. Irish		a. Brazilian Portuguese	112. Vietnamese
26. Dakota	54. Italian		b. European Portuguese	113. Welsh
	55. Japanese		86. Punjabi	114. Wolof
	56. Kalmyk			115. Yoruba
	57. Kaqchikel			116. Yup'ik
				117. Zulu