Intensive Summer Language Study

Summer Programs in non-European Languages

The non-European language programs listed in this guide are affiliated with Smith College approved study abroad programs only, as designated by the Office for International Study. Other summer programs in non-European languages either abroad or in the U.S. may be available through alternative sources. Please check with your language instructor on the academic strengths of programs not listed in this guide.

Asia

Alliance for Global Education

Chinese | | Shanghai, China | | 8 weeks | | $7,250 (+ $3325 est. personal costs)
The Alliance, with the Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA) offers two academic options to fill 6-9 credits over the 8-week summer session. Students can pair Chinese language study with classes on economics, social issues, or health care; or, they can devote all 9 credits to intensive Chinese language study. The Intensive Language track is for students who want to focus on learning Chinese. Students are all placed with host families for the duration of the program. A placement exam during on-site orientation will determine each student’s appropriate level of study. Two semesters of prior language study are required. The summer program can be added on to academic term-time studies.

Associated Colleges China (Hamilton College)

Chinese | | Beijing, China | | 7 weeks | | $6,100
This 7-week program combines field experiences in China with advanced language courses, all geared towards total immersion. The Chinese language courses are three-week intensives taught by native-speakers with a focus on grammar, discourse and lexical development, and conversation and presentation skills. The field experiences focus on education, including teaching at rural day schools and developing an educational development presentation. All participants are required to share their experiences in China with their home communities or universities upon their return.

Boston University

Chinese | | Shanghai, China | | 8 weeks | | $9,175
The Shanghai Chinese Studies summer program, hosted at Fudan University, offers eight weeks of Chinese language study at the first, second, third, and fourth-year levels in China’s largest and most vibrant city. Housing is provided in apartment-style student residences at the Tonghe International Mansion close to the Fudan campus. Language courses equivalent to a full year of University-level Chinese meet for 16-20 hours each week and emphasize grammar, oral comprehension, and speaking. Courses are augmented by a five-day educational trip to historic cities or to the countryside to experience village life and other cultural activities.

CET

Chinese | | Beijing, China | | 9 weeks | | $7,290
All students design a one-on-one tutorial. Students explore a topic of their choosing in Chinese. One-on-one’s are language courses bent towards the chosen topic. The course involves a full load of Chinese language classes, living with a Chinese roommate, and upholding a full-time language pledge. The program utilizes targeted readings, lectures and site visits. Some past students have used tutorials as a stepping stone for thesis research.
**CIEE**

**Chinese | Beijing, China | 8 weeks | $6,850**

The summer Intensive Chinese Language study abroad program at Peking University in Beijing, China is designed for students who have studied one to three years of college-level Mandarin Chinese and who wish to further develop their language skills and cross-cultural training within a beautiful university campus in Beijing. Students are divided into four levels for intensive Mandarin language training: intermediate, high intermediate, advanced I, and advanced II. CIEE students are partnered with a Peking University student upon arrival to facilitate cross-cultural discussion and individual tutoring of the Chinese language. The program supplements the language training with weekly excursions to various areas in Beijing and has an experienced on-site director to support each student.

**Chinese | Shanghai, China | 8 weeks | $6,850**

The summer Accelerated Chinese Language study abroad program in Shanghai, China is designed for Intermediate and Advanced Chinese language students interested in an accelerated language program where students accomplish one year of Chinese language training through intensive study both in the classroom and structured homework exercises. The language classes are small, with an average of four students; classes are typically co-taught by head language instructors and assistant language instructors who focus on accuracy and consistency of pronunciation through daily drills and other exercises. Students also take part in the CIEE Community Language Commitment by speaking only Chinese in the Chinese classroom building and to the resident staff, language teachers, and host family or Chinese roommate.

**IES**

**Chinese | Beijing, China | 8 weeks | $6,990**

Offering an ideal environment for acquiring and improving Chinese language skills, the IES Beijing summer program provides intensive beginner, intermediate, advanced intermediate, and advanced level Chinese language courses. Designed to help you acquire or improve Chinese language skills through intensive language instruction, an entire year of college-level Chinese is covered during this program. Small class sizes and one-on-one instruction with Chinese language faculty make this program perfect for vastly improving your language skills. You will study at the IES Abroad Beijing Center, located on the Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU) campus, and follow a campus-wide language pledge to maximize language learning.

**Middlebury College**

**Chinese | Middlebury, VT | 8 weeks | $12,155**

The Chinese School prides itself on dedicated faculty and staff, a rigorous, well-implemented curriculum, a speak-Chinese-only total immersion learning environment, and a low student-teacher ratio. At the end of each eight-week summer session, comparisons of entrance and exit speaking and reading proficiency test results lend clear credibility to this claim. The eight-week session offers courses in modern Mandarin at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. These courses are designed to help learners of all ages 18 and over to develop and improve their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. The curriculum at all levels also aims to help learners acquire and expand their knowledge of Chinese culture.

**Mount Holyoke Summer Language Intensive**

**Chinese | Beijing, China | 8 weeks | $5,800**

The Mount Holyoke summer program in Beijing offers an intensive program of language immersion that covers a full year of Chinese language study in eight weeks. Students spend the mornings engaged in classroom instruction, and the afternoons with language partners and activities that introduce them to Chinese arts and culture. Tours to major historic and cultural sites round out the program.
**Inter-University Program**

**Chinese** || Shanghai, China || 8 weeks || $4,800

The unique feature of IUP is that students are provided with highly individualized instruction. The teacher to student ratio is currently 1:2 and course assignments include at least one daily private tutorial, and several small group classes. Each student is given individual attention to language skill areas that need improvement and their progress is closely monitored over their entire course of study. Such individualized instruction has consistently shown positive results over the nearly 40 year history of the program.

**CET**

**Japanese** || Osaka, Japan || 9 weeks || $9,190

This program is for students who want to unleash their Japanese language skills. Students exercise their Japanese language every day—in class, on the street, with roommates, for assignments, in conversation—and return to the US with vastly improved skills. Japanese language learners of all levels and majors are welcome. Students complete at least one year of university-level Japanese each term.

**CIEE**

**Japanese** || Tokyo, Japan || 4 weeks || $7,000

The summer Japanese Studies study abroad program in Tokyo, Japan at the CIEE Study Center at Sophia University is designed to provide students with a supportive learning environment while students attend two courses at the Summer Session for Asian Studies at Sophia University’s Faculty of Liberal Arts. This program is ideal for students that wish to learn about Japanese culture, language, and society during a one month period while living in Asia’s most dynamic cities.

**IES**

**Japanese** || Tokyo, Japan || 6 weeks || $7,125

The Tokyo Summer program is an excellent study abroad opportunity if you cannot study in Japan for a semester or if you would like to refresh your Japanese before starting the IES Abroad Tokyo program in the fall semester.

**Middlebury College**

**Japanese** || Middlebury, VT || 8 weeks || $12,155

Courses offered by the Japanese School normally meet four hours each day, and students should expect to devote about the same number of hours to out-of-class preparation. Afternoons are generally devoted to co-curricular activities. Each course covers the equivalent of one academic year’s worth of material within an eight-week period. The program offers different levels of language instruction, from beginners to advanced.

**CIEE**

**Korean** || Seoul, Korea || 7 weeks || $7,850

Students on the Summer Korean Studies study abroad program in Seoul, Korea learn about the culture, business practices, and language of Korea while increasing their knowledge about South Korean society and its recent role as one of the major industrialized nations in the world.

**Middlebury College**

**Korean** || Middlebury, VT || 8 weeks || $12,155

The 8-week session offers instruction at four different levels, from introductory through fourth-year Korean, and is designed to cover approximately an academic year of material. The program enrolls a diverse mix of undergraduates, graduate students, recent graduates, and professionals. Classes normally meet four hours per day, five days per week, for a total of 160 contact hours. Daily work outside of class usually requires four to eight hours, and students are encouraged to spend four to five hours per week in co-curricular activities of their choice. Middlebury College awards four units of undergraduate academic credit for successful completion of the 8-week program.
Europe

**Bard-Smolny College**

*Russian* || St. Petersburg, Russia || 4 weeks, 8 weeks || $8,800 | $12,900

The SLI is intensive, with twenty-two hours of class per week, daily quizzes and written assignments, and weekly tests. Class sizes are small (typically 8-10 students) with coursework that emphasizes vocabulary acquisition, grammar comprehension, reading improvement, and writing achievement, as well as verbal and aural precision. Language is taught in conjunction with our cultural program, which integrates academic experience with a feel for the city of St. Petersburg.

**CIEE**

*Russian* || St. Petersburg, Russia || 9 weeks || $8,850

The summer Language and Culture study abroad program in St. Petersburg, Russia is designed for students with 4 semesters of college-level Russian who wish to improve their proficiency with the Russian language. This is an intensive program that focuses on all language skills.

**Middlebury College**

*Russian* || Middlebury, VT || 8 weeks || $12,155

The 8-week session offers instruction at a variety of levels, from introductory through fourth-year Russian, and is designed to cover approximately an academic year of material. The program enrolls a diverse mix of undergraduates, graduate students, recent graduates, and professionals. Classes normally meet four hours per day, five days per week, for a total of 160 contact hours. Daily work outside of class usually requires four to eight hours, and students are encouraged to spend four to five hours per week in cocurricular activities of their choice. Middlebury College awards four units of undergraduate academic credit for successful completion of the 8-week program.

The Middle East and North Africa

**University of Haifa**

*Arabic* || Haifa, Israel || 4 weeks || $2,000

Classes meet four days per week, six hours each day, and students can expect several hours of homework every day. One additional day each week will be devoted to a field trip to visit locations of interest in Arab-speaking communities in the northern parts of Israel. The courses are taught in English and are designed for students with no prior knowledge of the Arabic language (Elementary I) or for students that have already studied the Arabic alphabet (Elementary II). Admission is conditional upon completing an online placement test to make sure the appropriate level is offered.

*Hebrew* || Haifa, Israel || 4 weeks, 8 weeks || $2,000 | $2,500

The Intensive Hebrew Summer Ulpan brings students from over 40 countries to the University of Haifa to study Hebrew in one of the most effective language learning programs in Israel. The Ulpan is designed for those who want to immerse themselves in an intensive language acquisition experience that is personally enriching as well as academically demanding. Instruction is offered on all levels from beginning to advanced.

**Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

*Arabic* || Jerusalem, Israel || 5 weeks || $3,370

Each summer, the Rothberg International School offers language courses in Modern Hebrew, Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Arabic, on introductory and intermediate levels. The courses are instructed by highly professional, dynamic and experienced staff. Teaching methods include frontal classroom instruction and conversational practice, and incorporate multi-media educational aids and the use of both classical and modern texts.

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**Ben-Gurion University**

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The Ulpan is an intensive immersive Hebrew language course that can be taken for either a four- or six-week period during the summer or winter. It incorporates a traditional curriculum of reading, writing and conversation skills with media, such as Israeli music, newspapers, movies, radio, as well as field trips. The course meets for four hours daily, Sunday through Thursday. Students are placed in an appropriate level based on results of a written exam prior to departure and an oral exam upon arrival. There are many levels of Hebrew offered in the Ulpan from very basic to extremely advanced. 60 hours of Hebrew study (4 credits)

**Tel Aviv University**

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This program has Arabic languages instruction taught at two levels; Basic and Advanced. In the Advanced program, students are required to have studied Arabic for at least one year prior to enrolling and aims to provide students with advanced skills in colloquial (Palestinian) Arabic. The beginner level combines the two existing varieties of Arabic: Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), mainly used in written texts and formal settings, and colloquial Arabic (Palestinian Arabic, or PA), which refers to various spoken dialects used among different Arab countries and communities. The course aims to introduce students to the basic foundations of speaking an Arabic dialect and reading in MSA. 4 academic credits are awarded to the beginner level program.

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The intensive Hebrew program at Tel Aviv is taught over a period of either 4 weeks or 7 weeks offering students the opportunity to develop their Hebrew language skills and introduce them to life in Israel. 6 credits are awarded for the 7 week intensive program and 4 credits are awarded for the 4 week intensive program.

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The program focuses on both language and literature and is taught by highly-qualified and experienced teachers in small classes. 4 credits are awarded for successful completion of the program. The Yiddish program includes several features, including: Lecture series, Afternoon academic and cultural program, and cultural excursions and trips.

**Middlebury College**

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Learn to read, write, speak, and listen in the Hebrew language with an immersion that occurs both in and outside of the classroom setting. Abiding by the Language Pledge, you will participate in a variety of activities including game nights, film screenings, sing-alongs, dance workshops, lectures, theater, sports, and book clubs – all in Hebrew. Middlebury offers financial aid, including need-based aid and a number of merit-based fellowships and scholarships for their summer Language Schools.

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In the Arabic School, you'll master not only vocabulary and syntax, but how to use the language to engage effectively with Arab culture. The focus will be on Modern Standard Arabic during your five daily classroom hours, with optional sessions offered in colloquial dialects such as Moroccan, Egyptian, and Syrian. Outside the classroom, you'll select from a wide array of in-language cocurricular activities—including calligraphy, cooking, cinema, music, and the Qur'an—each designed to help you build new vocabulary while developing cultural fluency. Middlebury offers financial aid, including
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**CIEE**

*Arabic* || Amman, Jordan || 8 weeks || $7,850

The summer Arabic Language study abroad program in Amman, Jordan is for students who have a strong interest in developing a solid foundation in Modern Standard Arabic and seek to begin or accelerate their language proficiency through an intensive language program. In addition to rigorous coursework in Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Jordanian Arabic, students participate in language club activities and program excursions designed to give them opportunities to apply their language skills and learn firsthand about Jordanian culture and society.

**CET**

*Arabic* || Amman, Jordan || 8 weeks || $7,990

CET Jordan students have their sights set on mastering Arabic. Students take a full load of Arabic language classes, live with a local roommate, meet with an Arabic language partner, attend language activities, and even uphold a full-time language pledge. Language classes are hosted at the University of Jordan in Amman and include MSA – the language of nightly newscasts – and Jordanian Dialect – the language between friends. A full year of language instruction is taught in 8 weeks, and students take an office Oral Proficiency Interview at the end of the program.

**SIT**

*Arabic* || Amman, Jordan || 7 weeks || $7,500 (+ $2250 room and board)

Students gain Arabic language skills through interactive learning in classrooms, homestays, and field-based settings. Customized language lessons taught by native speakers allow students to speak fluently and casually, including the incorporation of appropriate gestures. Program courses focus on migration, identity, and resilience, and include group trips to cultural landmarks in Jordan and surrounding countries. There are no prerequisites for this program.

**Boston University**

*Arabic* || Rabat, Morocco || 8 weeks || $9,175

With a focus on education, health care, children’s welfare, women’s rights, and other critical issues, this program gives students a unique immersion in the life and society of this fascinating city, country, and region. The program offers two academic options, one of which includes a language course and a service placement, and the other of which includes two language courses. All participants live in homestays. At least one semester of Arabic is recommended.)

**CIEE**

*Arabic* || Rabat, Morocco || 6 weeks || $7,850

The CIEE Arabic Language summer study abroad program is designed for intensive language acquisition. This is a rigorous program for focused students seeking the opportunity to strengthen their Arabic language skills. Instructors are natives of Morocco and reflect local cultural norms in their classroom demeanor and pedagogy. The program incorporates cultural excursions, activities, and projects to enhance the language-learning experience. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

**SIT**

*Arabic* || Rabat, Morocco || 7 weeks || $7,400 (+ $1,175 room & board)

Participants on this program will improve their Arabic language skills through native-taught classes, cultural activities, homestay living, organizational work, and more. Two core features of this program include a topic-based Arabic writing seminar where students will gain the skills necessary to write an academic paper in Arabic, and Community Service Projects at a local NGO. There are no pre-requisites, and students are placed into appropriate language-learning courses at the beginning of the program.
Continental Africa
To be added at the start of spring semester.