Languages Offered

CLE languages are used to fulfill requirements in majors such as Anthropology, Classics, Cognitive Science, East Asian Studies, History, Film & Media Studies, International Studies, Near Eastern Studies, Philosophy, Sociology, and Writing Seminars, just to mention a few.

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The Center

The Center for Language Education (CLE), established in 1992, offers language courses that are not taught in the language and literature departments. Languages presently offered in the Center for Language Education are Arabic, Chinese, English for International Teaching Assistants, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and American Sign Language.

CLE also offers English as a Second Language (ESL) courses for graduate students and professionals during the academic year and a summer workshop for ITAs. The program consists of advanced classes in Public Speaking and Presentations, Academic Writing, and Pronunciation.

Language Courses

Students are granted credit for each semester course successfully completed, regardless of enrollment or performance in a subsequent course. All CLE courses may be taken satisfactory/unsatisfactory only at the intermediate level and above. A student earning a D in a course is not eligible to pass to the next higher level course.

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CLE Study Abroad Scholarship

Since its start in the spring of 2013, the CLE Study Abroad Scholarship has been awarded each semester to outstanding students in language courses offered by CLE. Scholarships are awarded to individuals who excel in the acquisition of their target language and who demonstrate outstanding potential to maximize their language skills by studying abroad.

ESL for ITAs

CLE's courses for international teaching assistants are designed to help new graduate students adjust to life and work in American academia. American English Pronunciation hones learners' ability to hear and reproduce the sounds of American English, while Public Speaking in Academia introduces students to an academic culture that uses American English as its common language. Advanced Grammar and Academic Writing is also offered to help ITA's improve their written communication skills for research and conferences. The ESL for ITA's Program offers courses during the fall and spring semesters as well as an intensive 10-day workshop for incoming graduate students each August.