

WHY LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE?

Learning languages gives you access to new people, places, and professional opportunities. Whether your career goals involve politics, health, art, science, social services, architecture, technology, or communications, knowing more than one language will open doors.

"To prosper economically and to improve relations with other countries, Americans need to read, speak, and understand other languages. It's absolutely essential for the citizens of the United States to become fluent in other languages, and schools, colleges, and universities must include producing bilingual students as a central part of their mission."

*– U.S. Secretary of Education
Arne Duncan*

LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE TO:

- Communicate with more people
- See the world through new eyes
- Travel the world
- Earn more money
- Open new career opportunities

5-20%

more money
earned by
people who
know more
than one
language

46%

anticipated
job
growth for
translators
and
interpreters

145

countries
with a
national
language
other than
English

20

languages
taught at
UWM



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Languages Are Useful for Many Fields

- **BUSINESS:** Today's global economy involves clients who speak many different languages. Knowing a foreign language is a significant asset.
- **EDUCATION:** More and more students come from bilingual households and there is a greater demand for multilingual education.
- **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:** Learning a new language opens a window to another culture, something invaluable for international policy, economics, foreign relations, and diplomacy.
- **NURSING:** Because health care systems need bilingual staff, many offer financial incentives to nurses who know a second language.
- **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Knowing a foreign language helps your cultural competence, which is essential for effective public health advocacy.
- **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:** Research and innovation often requires collaboration among people in multiple countries. Knowing the culture and the language will allow for better communication.
- **SOCIAL WORK:** Being able to communicate with a diverse group of clients will make you a better social worker and increase your employment opportunities.

What language should I study?

Some careers and locations lend themselves to learning certain languages, but learning a less commonly taught language will give you a specialized skill. Some students might want to learn a particular language to connect with their cultural roots, while others may have dreams of travel. There are many good reasons to take a foreign language!

UWM teaches 20 languages including Afrikaans, Anishinaabemowin, American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, Gaelic, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Swedish. Find one that is right for you!

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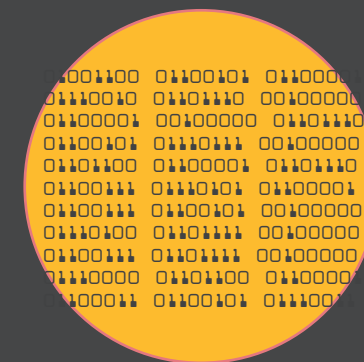
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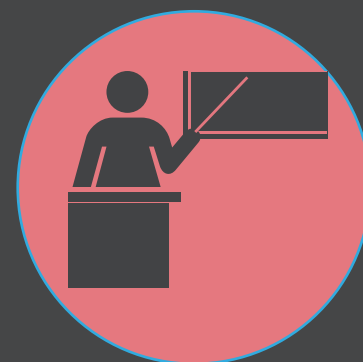
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