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Why Learn a Language?

BY AMY KENDREE

Mastering a new language has found its way into the minds of many people throughout the ages. Perhaps someone is visiting a new country and seeking full immersion in another culture. Maybe some people have a lot of time on their hands and are looking to put all that free time to a good use. Any way you look at it, learning a new language does come with many benefits that people may not be aware of. Here are several reasons why many schools require students to learn a world language, and why taking studying a language is also good at a collegiate level.

The continuous globalization of our world’s economies has resulted in the people of the world becoming increasingly connected and interdependent. This is bringing diverse cultures and communities together in many areas of our lives such as the corporate workplace and school districts from preschool level to University. The connected nature of our lives has many impacts, including employers wanting applicants who can communicate effectively in the modern global economy. In addition, learning a language has been proven to increase a student’s cognitive function by improving short and long-term memory, problem-solving skills, and creative thinking capacity. Among the many benefits studied, learning a language has been shown to enhance students’ overall academic performance by producing higher standardized test scores and higher reading achievement. In other words, learning a language is highly encouraged as the workforce is becoming increasingly diverse and has been proven to increase academic achievement and involvement.

Learning a language doesn't have to be all hard work; many classes also teach about the different cultures and other experiences during language lessons.

Learning a language has many cognitive benefits, including increasing memory function, problem-solving skills, and creative thinking capacity.
My name is Isa Douce and languages have always been a vital and central part of my life. I was born and raised in France by a French father and a Mexican-American mother, so obviously many languages were part of my daily life. That said I have all three citizenships: French, Mexican, and American. I would consider my native languages to be French and Spanish, as I learned French from my childhood environment in France and my father, and Spanish from my mother and travelling to Mexico and Ecuador to visit family. I learned English over the course of my life thanks to my mother and school, and even more when I moved to the US at 15. In addition to the three languages I am fluent in, I decided to learn Arabic. I had always heard Arabic around me in France through friends and family, but couldn’t understand it or speak it. I decided to study international studies with the MENA concentration because I had always been fascinated by Arab culture and I believe it is a very important language to speak, as it is official language of 25 countries. I also study Languages, Literatures, and Cultures with the French concentration because, even though I speak French fluently, French is a widely spoken language in the Arab world, and I think having a diploma that shows I can speak French will benefit me. I want to be able to give these people a voice because often times we misunderstand them and their needs. I absolutely love Arabic and hope someday I will be completely fluent in it. Also, I have been teaching myself Portuguese for over a year and love it. I decided to learn Portuguese because I was interested in it, and knowing Spanish and French it would be easy enough to catch on fairly quickly, and it has been. I have an unconditional love for languages, and I hope and want to learn as many of them as possible. As I have already said, languages have always been a central and vital part of my life. I am incredibly fortunate that my mother has decided to teach me these languages and that knowing English, French, and Spanish fluently I can communicate with people all around the World: that is why I love languages.
One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Soul on deck shines like gold in dark times.

The light of the soul throws sparks, can send up flares builds signal fires, causes proper matters to catch fire. To display the lantern of soul in shadowy times like these, to be fierce and to show mercy toward others; both are acts of immense bravery and greatest necessity. Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it.

- Clarissa Pinkola Estes, You Were Made For This
Fantastic Faculty: Lorella Paltrinieri

Q: Where is your hometown?
A: I live in Fort Collins, but I am originally from Northern Italy.

Q: What is your favorite thing about CSU?
A: I like that it is a large, beautiful and really well maintained Campus, and I love to do long walks between my classes (usually far from Clark C, where my office is located). I love to see all the flower beds and the squirrels while walking from one class to another.

Q: What is the most beautiful place you have ever been?
A: Uh, oh...I am biased here: Le 5 Terre in Italy!

Q: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?
A: What a question! In the north Pole! Oh, no, of course in Italy:)

Q: What is your favorite place?
A: I love heat, so my favorite place would have to be a hot, perhaps tropical location, with an ocean or a seaside nearby and a lot of gardens and flowers.

Q: What is your favorite food?
A: I like tortellini or lasagne homemade.

Q: What do you like most about languages?
A: I like the fact that each language is so different and unique.

Q: Do you have any pets?
A: I have a beautiful cat 😻
Coming Next Week:

A closer look at some of the wonderful students who comprise our minors.

Did you know, our department has more Spanish minors from Biology than from any other major on campus!