

The National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland (NFLC-UMD)'s Advanced Language Courses follow **NFLC's research-based language learning** principles, developed during 15 years of summer language programs and following the Title VI National Foreign Language Resource Center guidelines. The NFLC-UMD's curriculum is centered on standards-based, thematically organized units that integrate culture, content, and language with timely authentic materials. The target language is used by both instructors and students, supported by structured performance-based assessments and a learner-centered classroom approach. These courses have four- and five-week options. The four-week courses include 120 instructional hours plus 40 hours of asynchronous homework and convey 12 Continuing Education Units. The five-week courses include 150 instructional hours plus 50 hours of asynchronous homework and convey 15 Continuing Education Units.

**Advanced Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Persian (Farsi) and Russian for Government Service** courses are intended for students at ILR levels 2 and 2+ and designed to increase their language proficiency. The courses are based on carefully curated,

timely, and authentic materials at the target ILR level, organized in thematic units such as government, conflict, and media. Although these courses are offered online or in-person, the Fall 2025 classes will be offered online.

**Ukrainian Conversion for Government Service** is for students with ILR 2 proficiency in Russian and no prior Ukrainian knowledge. The goal of the course is to help students gain proficiency in Ukrainian in order to comprehend straightforward communications,



such as incident reports, social media posts, news videos, bulletins, press releases, and other similar communiqués, and to participate in routine conversations. The curriculum is organized into thematic units such as basic needs, responsibilities, thriving communities, and resilience and sequenced from ILR 0+ to ILR 2. This course is offered online.

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Fall 202 Schedu	Ukrainian Conversion for Government Service (Russian ILR2; no Ukrainian required)	Oct 7 — Nov 4	
	Advanced Chinese (Mandarin) for Government Service (ILR 2 or 2+)	Nov 4 – Dec 5	Nov 4 — Dec 12
	Advanced Korean for Government Service (ILR 2 or 2+)	Nov 4 – Dec 5	Nov 4 — Dec 12
	Advanced Persian (Farsi) for Government Service (ILR 2 or 2+)	Nov 4 – Dec 5	Nov 4 — Dec 12
	Advanced Russian for Government Service (ILR 2 or 2+)	Nov 12 – Dec 12	Nov 12 – Dec 19
		Classes will not be held on Oct 13, Nov 26, 27 and 28	

## What previous students shared about their experience.



Throughout the course we were made to actively participate and engage while using the target language as much as possible, which I felt was great at pushing me to use the language in more creative ways.

Amazing instructor. I was genuinely excited for her lessons each day. She was kind and helpful, and demonstrated a deep understanding of the materials being taught.

Unlike the previous online courses [that I've taken] which felt disorganized and repetitive, this course offered by NFLC pushed me to a new level. I genuinely looked forward to every class and could feel my confidence in reading and listening comprehension improving week by week.



Seriously, this is the best environment, personnel, and function I have had the pleasure to enjoy in eight years...



The materials that have been used in class are refreshingly recent and provide good insights into current circumstances and current language around particular issues and subject matters that are often missed in other courses.



I thought this was one of the best courses I have ever taken for Russian! I really liked the constant flow of reading and listening assignments we had to do every day. While it was challenging, it was exactly what I needed to really improve in those modalities. This course has really prepared me for the DLPT and I had a blast speaking Russian.



The deep cultural background of the instructors, having grown up completely in the target language and culture, for me was unparalleled in comparison to other government learning programs (where instructors are typically first generation US immigrants or spend only early childhood in the target culture). The insights provided into much more up-to-date realities of life and culture in the target area was very valuable.

The materials were excellent! I think having the real world resources makes what we learn so much more applicable to our jobs.



The subjects taught by the teachers, as well as the material that they compiled, were absolutely incredible. Everything they did is what textbooks are lacking...cultural context, vocabulary you won't find in a textbook, humor, etc. It was amazing..







## Fall 2025 online course prices and registration

Four-week online courses include 120 instructional hours plus 40 hours of asynchronous modules and convey 12 Continuing Education Units for \$3600.\*

Five-week online courses include 150 instructional hours plus 50 hours of asynchronous modules and convey 15 Continuing Education Units for \$4500.\*

\* Pricing is for current online courses only. For in-person course pricing, contact nflc-alc@um.edu.

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