

## Full Course Guide

Welcome to The Language Learning Institute Where You Can

*“Learn a Language and Expand Your World”™*

### Our Philosophy

The proprietary methodology, developed by Nancy A Scarselletta, promotes language learning through the natural language center of the brain thus creating a different second language learning experience.

Here at The Language Learning Institute, we believe that language learning is a partnership between teacher and student. The teacher-facilitator both guides and provides direct instruction on concepts or to check for understanding when the use of the target language is not possible. Through this approach, students learn to self-correct in the language and learn to feel when something is not correctly stated. The teachers help students to see the linguistic patterns that exist in the language so that they can make confident and intelligent full-sentence patterns. Correcting is done through questioning and pauses so that the student has time to focus and self-correct based on what has been taught. While no grades are given, assessment happens at each class and is performance-based. Students are encouraged and guided to think in the language which aids in comprehension of the native speaker.

Progression through the units in our programs is a competency-based journey that allows students to focus on learning, integrating, and building the use of the language. The Language Learning Institute requires students to adhere to quality standards in the four language skills. Speaking and listening comprehension are emphasized with reading and writing used for reinforcement.

At The Language Learning Institute, technology is our friend and we leverage it in teaching, facilitating, and delivering our programs.

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#### Program Delivery

Any of our languages can be studied in private lessons or group classes. Due to the dangers that have fallen upon us during the COVID 19 Pandemic, our courses are currently only offered in real-time by a live instructor through a virtual communication platform. Currently, we do not offer classes in our physical location in Latham, NY. Join us from the comfort and safety of your own home. Once we can resume on-site instruction safely and effectively, we will do so for those who prefer the on-site experience.

Students come to The Language Learning Institute to study for a variety of reasons: enrichment, remediation, marriage into a family where a foreign language is spoken, travel, and more. The age of the student body has ranged from eight weeks to their 80s. Our classes meet weekly for one hour, and homework is given to reinforce and afford practice in the language. When a student enrolls in a private lesson package, they may schedule more than one hour of instruction per week.

#### Missed Class/Lesson Policy

Our class and private lesson policies make language learning convenient and fun. If you must miss a class, the following options are available to you:

1. *Homework Only Option:* If absent, notify the instructor and get the homework assignments for the missed class from your teach (*no additional cost*)
2. *Skype into the class live from your location (for on-site classes at no additional cost)*
3. *Private Lesson option: to be arranged and held within the missed week for a reduced additional fee.*

With 24-hour notice, private lessons can be rescheduled without any loss of time.

#### Billing and Payment

We bill in 5-week segments and payment is due on or before the first day of the 5–week session. For your convenience, we accept cash, check, money order, and payment through the invoice with a secure bank transfer.

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### Our Vision

Expand your world linguistically and culturally through the visual stimulus to language fluency.

### Our Mission

The role of The Language Learning Institute, LLC is to provide world-class language programs to all ages and abilities resulting in language proficiency, cultural understanding, and world connectivity.

We encourage a lifelong interest in language acquisition by providing a supportive atmosphere that promotes intellectual development and cultural sensitivity along with language.

Our unique methodology leverages the natural language learner in us all, encouraging systematic inquiry and progress towards fluency.

### Our Core Values

**Integrity** – Doing the right thing in all circumstances even when no one is watching you thus creating an atmosphere of trust. Being respectful of all people and doing nothing that demeans or dishonors anyone.

**Excellence** – having a passion to always do your best to achieve the most. Always looking for opportunities to improve.

**Responsibility** - Being accountable for one’s actions, words, and performance at The Language Learning Institute.

**Teamwork** – Working together in such a way that each person is committed and all are working towards a shared goal to create something greater than the individual parts.

**Communication** – using active listening, speaking, writing, and reading to express yourself authentically to meet a goal, resolving an issue, or creating something new.

### Our Programs

At The Language Learning Institute, we offer programs for children (8 weeks through age 10), middle school and high school students, and adults.

All of our languages are broken out into levels that coincide with a unit of study. For further information on any of our programs listed in this guide please contact our office at 518-346-7096

Currently, we offer programs in French, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, English for Effective Communication, and Italian.

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### FRENCH

**Mommy and Me:** For ages 2 months through age 4/5, accompanied by Mom and/or Dad (or other caregivers). This course is made up of 4 thematic units of song, video, and games. Songs and activities are chosen for cultural authenticity and word/phrase/gross motor skill association and development. Once these four units are completed opportunity for continuation is offered.

**French for Kids:** ages 6 through 10. This course of study is made up of 6 thematic units of song, games, activities, and crafts developed for reinforcement of what has been taught. Each unit builds on the previous unit. Speaking and listening comprehension are emphasized and speaking in short fragments building towards sentences is the goal.

**French for Heritage Speakers:** ages 6 through 10. This course of study is done completely in French. In this course, children are taught reading and writing. Being in class with other French-speaking children is fun. French songs, nursery rhymes, reading level appropriate books and interaction in French are the highlighted goals of this program.

**French for Middle and High School Students:** This course of study can take a student from greetings through the advanced levels of study. The first class is used to identify the needs and skills of the students and the ongoing curriculum is adjusted accordingly. Whether this course is being taken for enrichment or remediation, students have enjoyed studying in this program. Our levels follow the same pattern and criteria as listed in our Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced French.

**Beginning French:** This course of study will take you from greetings to expressing thoughts in the present, composed past, and near future. Throughout the 8 units of study, communication in complete sentences is the goal. Connecting words and an introduction to the use of object pronouns elevates and segues into the Intermediate French program.

**Intermediate French:** This course starts with a review and expansion of vocabulary themes and expressing activities in the present, composed past and near future found in Beginning French. Throughout these 9 units of study, communication in complete sentences remains the goal and is elevated with the ability to express events relative to each other. This course ends with expressions of necessity.

**Advanced French:** This course of study starts with a thorough review of Intermediate French. This 10 unit study of the language will allow for continued exposure, use, and study of the upper-level intricacies of the language such as the subjunctive and the passé simple. Historic readings add to the interest and excitement of study allowing for expanded topics of conversation.

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**Vite et Bien Conversation:** This course of study is conversational and is held completely in French. This course is for those who already speak the language and want to perfect their speech. Each unit of study is topical and easily lends itself to the conversation. Students taking this course will increase their conversation and listening comprehension skills. They will discuss activities in greater detail and depth. Reading and writing skills will be applied to reinforce the speaking skills.

**French Pronunciation:** This course is designed to help the student comprehend the native speaker as well as improve his/her pronunciation. Students must complete Beginning French Class Level 4 or higher as a prerequisite for this course.

**Immersion Film Weekend:** This seminar is held entirely in French. The student will have the opportunity to enhance his/her listening comprehension as well as participate in an organized discussion of a chosen film. This seminar is for students on the Beginning French Class Level 5 or higher as a prerequisite for this seminar.

**Summer Camp:** This one-week language learning experience will allow your child to make new friends while learning beginning French. Games, traditional and educational songs, crafts, and exploration of various books are used to create an engaging atmosphere. The experience will be focused on the spoken word.

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#### SPANISH

**Mommy and Me:** For ages 2 months through age 4/5, accompanied by Mom and/or Dad (or other caregivers). This course is made up of 4 thematic units of song, video, and games. Songs and activities are chosen for cultural authenticity and word/phrase/gross motor skill association and development. Once these four units are completed opportunity for continuation is offered.

**Spanish for Kids:** ages 6 through 10. This course of study is made up of 6 thematic units of song, games, activities, and crafts developed for reinforcement of what has been taught. Each unit builds on the previous unit. Speaking and listening comprehension are emphasized and speaking in short fragments building towards sentences is the goal.

**Spanish for Heritage Speakers:** ages 6 through 10. This course of study is done completely in Spanish. In this course, children are taught reading and writing. Being in class with other Spanish-speaking children is fun. Spanish songs, nursery rhymes, reading level appropriate books and interaction in Spanish are the highlighted goals of this program.

**Spanish for Middle and High School Students:** This course of study can take a student from greetings through the advanced levels of study. The first class is used to identify the needs and skills of the students and the ongoing curriculum is adjusted accordingly. Whether this course is being taken for enrichment or remediation, students have enjoyed studying in this program. Our levels follow the same pattern and criteria as listed in our Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Spanish.

**Beginning Spanish:** This course of study will take you from greetings to expressing thoughts in the present, past, and near future. Throughout the 8 units of study, communication in complete sentences is the goal. Connecting words and an introduction to the use of object pronouns elevates and segues into the Intermediate Spanish program.

**Intermediate Spanish:** This course starts with a review and expansion of vocabulary and grammar themes. In these 8 units of study, communication in complete sentences remains the goal. It is elevated with increased grammatical structures and the ability to express events relative to each other.

**Advanced Spanish:** This course of study starts with a thorough review of Intermediate Spanish. This 8-unit study of the language will allow for continued exposure, use, and study of the upper-level intricacies of the language such as the subjunctive through time. Short literary readings add to the interest and excitement of study allowing for expanded topics of conversation.

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**Spanish in Conversation:** This course of study is conversational and is held completely in Spanish. This course is for those who already speak the language and want to perfect their speech. Each unit of study is topical and easily lends itself to the conversation. Students taking this course will increase their conversation and listening comprehension skills. They will discuss activities in greater detail and depth. Reading and writing skills will be applied to reinforce the speaking skills.

**Immersion Film Weekend:** This seminar is held entirely in Spanish. The student will have the opportunity to enhance his/her listening comprehension as well as participate in an organized discussion of a chosen film. As a pre-requisite for this seminar, students must be on the Beginning Spanish Class Level 5 and higher.

**Summer Camp:** This one-week language learning experience will allow your child to make new friends while learning beginning Spanish. Games, traditional and educational songs, crafts, and exploration of various books are used to create an engaging atmosphere. The experience will be focused on the spoken word.

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### MANDARIN CHINESE

**Mandarin Chinese for Kids:** ages 6 through 10. This course of study is made up of 6 thematic units of song, games, activities, and crafts developed for reinforcement of what has been taught. Each unit builds on the previous unit. Speaking and listening comprehension are emphasized and speaking in short fragments building towards sentences is the goal.

**Mandarin Chinese for Heritage Speakers:** ages 6 through 10. This course of study is done completely in Mandarin Chinese. In this course, children are taught reading and writing. Being in class with other Mandarin Chinese-speaking children is fun. Songs, nursery rhymes, reading level appropriate books and interaction in Mandarin Chinese are the highlighted goals of this program.

**Mandarin Chinese for Middle and High School Students:** This course of study can take a student from greetings through the advanced levels of study. The first class is used to identify the needs and skills of the students and the ongoing curriculum is adjusted accordingly. Whether this course is being taken for enrichment or remediation, students have enjoyed studying in this program. Our levels follow the same pattern and criteria as listed in our Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Mandarin Chinese.

**Beginning Mandarin Chinese:** This course of study will take you from greetings to expressing thoughts in the present. Throughout the 24 lessons of study, communication in complete sentences with the correct pronunciation is the goal.

**Intermediate Mandarin Chinese:** This course affords thematic drills and practice, as well as the expansion of vocabulary and grammar themes, is paramount. In these 12 lessons of study, communication in complete sentences remains the goal. It is elevated with increased grammatical structures and the ability to apply Mandarin Chinese in practical situations.

**Advanced Mandarin Chinese:** This course of study continues to afford drills and practice of the Chinese language in practical settings. These 12 lessons of study of the language will allow for continued exposure, use, and study of the upper-level intricacies of the language such as the expression of doubt, uncertainty, and wishing.

**Mandarin Chinese in Conversation:** This course of study is conversational and is held completely in Mandarin Chinese. This course is for those who already speak the language and want to perfect their speech. Each unit of study is topical and easily lends itself to the conversation. Students taking this course will increase their conversation and listening comprehension skills. They will discuss activities in greater detail and depth. Reading and writing skills will be applied to reinforce the speaking skills.

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**Reading Pinyin and Perfecting Tones:** This course is for those who want to effectively read Pinyin and need to perfect the tones and general pronunciation of the Chinese language. This course will help with listening comprehension and is ideal for those who wish to understand and be understood by the native Chinese speaker.

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### ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

**English for Native and Non-Native Speakers:** This course of study is designed to help the native and non-native speakers of English communicate more effectively to diminish the instances of miscommunication. A thorough study of formal and informal speech and its socio-linguistic ramifications are discussed. This course is both theoretical with the opportunity for practice.

**Business English:** This course of study affords the businessperson with a global understanding of how to communicate effectively in the business world. This practical course of study provides the theories of communication in the written English language across various virtual modalities as well as practice in using what has been learned.

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### ITALIAN

**Italian for Kids:** ages 6 through 10. This course of study is made up of 6 thematic units of song, games, activities, and crafts developed for reinforcement of what has been taught. Each unit builds on the previous unit. Speaking and listening comprehension are emphasized and speaking in short fragments building towards sentences is the goal.

**Beginning Italian:** This course of study will take you from greetings to expressing thoughts in the present, past, and near future. Throughout the 8 units of study, communication in complete sentences is the goal. Connecting words and an introduction to the use of object pronouns elevates and segues into the Intermediate Italian program.

**Intermediate Italian:** This course starts with a review and expansion of vocabulary and grammar themes. In these 8 units of study, communication in complete sentences remains the goal. It is elevated with increased grammatical structures and the ability to express events relative to each other.

**Italian in Conversation:** This course of study is conversational and is held completely in Italian. This course is for those who already speak the language and want to perfect their speech. Each unit of study is topical and easily lends itself to the conversation. Students taking this course will increase their conversation and listening comprehension skills. They will discuss activities in greater detail and depth. Reading and writing skills will be applied to reinforce the speaking skills.

**Immersion Film Weekend:** This seminar is held entirely in Italian. The student will have the opportunity to enhance his/her listening comprehension as well as participate in an organized discussion of a chosen film. As a pre-requisite for this seminar, students must be on the Beginning Italian Class Level 5 and higher.

**Summer Camp:** This one-week language learning experience will allow your child to make new friends while learning beginning Italian. Games, traditional and educational songs, crafts, and exploration of various books are used to create an engaging atmosphere. The experience will be focused on the spoken word.