



# CONCORDIA LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTER

A PROGRAM OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE AND CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES





The Concordia LTC, implemented through Concordia Language Villages, was established in 2016 and partners with the 300th MI Brigade of the Utah National Guard, the 16th Air Force of San Antonio, Texas and the 1st Special Forces Command at Ft. Bragg, N.C. for language sustainment immersions. Courses offered reflect the express requirements of those LTC partners and are available to all DoD personnel.

**LANGUAGES OFFERED:**  
**ARABIC (MSA) • MANDARIN • CHINESE • FRENCH**  
**KOREAN • RUSSIAN • SPANISH • UKRAINIAN**

Other languages can be added upon request.

At Concordia Language Villages, learners enter a grand simulation centered on the need to apply the target language via context-based situated learning and being surrounded by meaningful elements of a culturally authentic setting. The Concordia LTC provides an isolated immersion setting where participants are removed from the distractions of daily life.

## KEY DIFFERENTIATORS

### GAIN PROFICIENCY FASTER

In 2022-2023, 73% of intermediate-level speakers improved at least one sublevel on the ACTFL proficiency scale for speaking, based on OPIc testing at the beginning and end of the immersion.

**90%** of participants indicate that their instructors are very responsive to their learning goals and professional interests.

### EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC CULTURE

Concordia's intensive immersions provide opportunities for deep cultural learning. The curricular content is updated in real time to reflect current events and issues. Participants develop cultural intelligence unequaled in other learning environments.

**92%** of participants rate the overall cultural content of a Concordia immersion as very good or excellent.

### ENGAGE WITH MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

A learner-to-instructor ratio of 2:1 and a blend of formal and informal conversational opportunities guarantee an intensive and authentic learning experience. The daily schedule encompasses 10+ hours of active learning. Students *live the language* while building confidence and competence. Learners readily apply knowledge, skills and expertise to real-life situations in the target language.

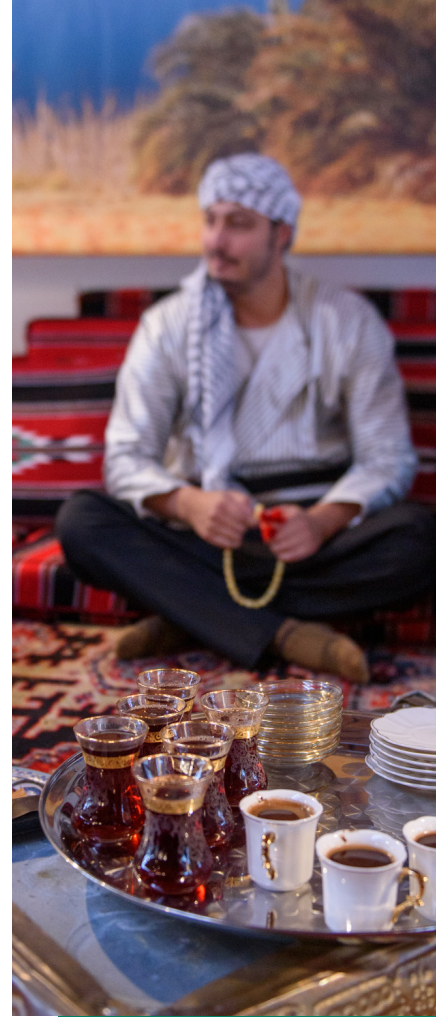
**94%** of participants rate the overall language focus and content of a Concordia immersion as very good or excellent.



**“It was probably the best immersion course that I have ever taken, and I would even say that the level of the [target language] spoken here is better than I have experienced in any other training so far.”**

- Language Training Center Participant





# SITUATED LEARNING

Through the iso-immersion experience, participants focus on learning an average of ten hours per day, including an intentional mix of formal and structured informal immersion program elements, guided by a blend of native speakers and highly proficient U.S.-based instructors. With no more than three students per academic class, programs provide extensive opportunities to engage and find support in the learning process. This full immersion creates an environment for accelerated learning and advancing linguistic as well as cultural competencies. Courses target students aiming to achieve 2+ and higher on the next DLPT. The Concordia Language Villages iso-immersion model builds competence and confidence.

## INSTRUCTION CONSISTS OF A BLEND OF INTEGRATED CULTURAL IMMERSION ELEMENTS INCLUDING:

- HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES
- ROLE-PLAYING OF TAILORED SCENARIOS (OPERATIONAL, CULTURAL, RISK ASSESSMENT)
- AUTHENTIC MEALS (FOOD AND CUSTOMS)
- A VARIETY OF SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



**“It is great to learn facts, events and vocabulary, but sometimes knowing the ‘why’ behind things helps achieve a greater cultural competency, and I appreciated that.”**

- Language Training Center Participant





**“I usually like structured learning, focusing on vocabulary and grammar, but this course helped me realize that I can learn just as much, if not more, in different ways.”**

- Language Training Center Participant



# FLEXIBLE PROGRAM OPTIONS

**CULTURE-RICH AND LANGUAGE-INTENSIVE ISO-IMMERSION PROGRAMS IN A SETTING AWAY FROM OUTSIDE INFLUENCES AND DISTRACTIONS ARE IDEAL FOR:**

- SUSTAINMENT TRAINING
- OPERATIONAL TRAINING
- PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING
- CAPSTONE TRAINING

**PROGRAMS CAN BE TAILORED TOWARD SPECIFIC TRAINING NEEDS OF:**

- DIPLOMATS (USAID, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE, ETC.)
- ATTACHÉS (MILITARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT)
- MILITARY (FAOS, SPECIAL OPERATIONS, CIVIL AFFAIRS)
- ROTC • INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
- DEA, FBI AND OTHERS



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For questions or additional information, including dates for established course offerings or inquiries about custom programs, contact:



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## About Concordia College

Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., is a private, coeducational, four-year liberal arts college and is a nationally recognized leader among undergraduate institutions in study abroad.

## Training Center Locations

Programs take place at culturally authentic facilities 15 miles from Bemidji, Minn.