Course Requisites

- To qualify for admission, learners should provide most recent scores from the Defense Language Proficiency Test; or equivalent record of prior training in the language
- Although no prior distance learning experience is necessary, students should have solid computer skills, i.e. power users of software applications
- Regular class attendance, satisfactory completion of the asynchronous self-study component and homework assignments are required to earn a Certificate of Attendance
- Pre-Course and End-of-Course Diagnostic Assessment will be administered to provide individual learner profiles and subsequent training plans
- A program evaluation survey will be completed at the end of the course

RECOMMENDED CLASS MODEL*

Refresher/Sustainment

20-60 hours, 1-3 sessions per week and 2 hrs per session

Basic Enhancement

80-100 hours, 4-5 sessions per week and 2 hrs per session

Intensive Enhancement

160-200 hours, 8-10 sessions per week and 2 hrs per session

Week 1

Technical training and pre-course Diagnostic

Assessment

Weeks 2-11

Course Sessions

Week 12

Program evaluation and post-course Diagnostic Assessment

(*These class models are suggested for regular on-going refresher, sustainment or enhancement courses, but all training events are negotiable and can be customized for longer or shorter durations.)

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Class registration is conducted through the DLIFLC – Scheduling Division. Enrollment forms should be sent at least one month prior to the date a linguist wishes to begin taking a course. To register, contact:

Monica Junod

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TECH SUPPORT

For Assistance with accounts, setup, software download/installation and technical training, contact:

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Live Classes Real Teachers and Peers

Building communities of language learners



The BLTS program at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) is a new distance learning program dedicated to deliver real-time foreign language training to non-resident DoD linguists via broadband technologies. Training is primarily intended for post-basic learners seeking to refresh, sustain or enhance their proficiency skills with the goal to reach Interagency Language Roundtable Level 3 or higher. Experienced DLIFLC teachers provide on-call service to strengthen the support network. New technologies allow DLIFLC to reach linguists in isolated/remote areas, or at home,

and to build language learning communities of lifelong learners.

BLTS courses use a combination of computer-assisted language learning materials, virtual classroom tools and Internet technologies to provide linguists with an interactive and collaborative learning environment. Languages include Arabic (MSA and dialects), Chinese (Mandarin), Dari, French, Hebrew, Korean, Persian Farsi, Russian, Serbian/Croatian, Spanish and Vietnamese and other languages upon request.

COMPUTER HARDWARE RECOMMENDATIONS

- CPU: Intel P4 2.0 GHz
- Memory: 1.0 GB DDR2
- Hard Drive 80GB
- CDRW/DVD Combo Drive
- At least 4 USB 2.0 external ports
- Audio: Integrated Audio
- Headset
- Digital Camera
- USB Tablet
- min screen resolution: 1024 by 768 pixels
- Bandwidth: 0.7 Mbps upstream and 1.2 Mbps downstream is required for a single, optimallyconnected workstation

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

The BLTS program virtual classroom and network system are managed by Army Training Support Center at Fort Eustis. The virtual environment in many ways resembles a conventional classroom. Enhanced platform tools include:

- Multi-point audio and video conferencing with full voice-lip synchronization
- Synchronized viewing of documents and small media
- Instant messaging, (private) chat and whiteboard support of UTF-8 Unicode and right-to-left text display
- An anonymous whiteboard for drawing, typing, scripting and importing images
- 24/7 access to the community of learners and the ability to create on-the-spot interactive sessions for teacher consultation, group study and net meetings
- Session recording
- On-line help desk

