Why Learn A World Language?

- In an increasingly globalized world, the knowledge of a world language becomes an indispensable skill important not only for personal enrichment, but also for broadening employment opportunities.
- According to a study from the University of Chicago, knowledge of a world language helps you **boost decision-making skills**.
- Students who study world languages **score higher on standardized tests** as a study from York University in Toronto showed.
- Knowledge of a world language **increases your chances of landing a good job**, as demonstrated in a recent poll in *The Economist*.
- An MIT study shows that people who know two or more languages earn an average of $128,000 more over their lifetimes.
- Learning a second language has compelling **health benefits** - a study from York University in Toronto connects the prevention of the onset of dementia with foreign language learning.
Despite the repressive policies of the Spanish and French states, Catalan has maintained a high cultural prestige since the Middle Ages and has played a central role in the political re-emergence of Catalonia as "a nation without a state." Catalan literature constitutes an extraordinary cultural event that has remained marginal amidst the great European literary traditions. At the same time, the Catalan areas have also produced a prominent tradition of art, architecture and urbanism. Catalan courses give you the chance to acquire another Romance language and learn about its related culture, and at the same time to discover the internal diversity of Mediterranean countries. Given the historical circumstances and the peculiar political situation of these areas, Catalan cultural production is a particularly fascinating space to explore the intricate relations between language, culture, the modern state and globalization.

Who speaks Catalan?
Catalan is spoken by approximately 10 million people. The Catalan-language area spans four separate countries: Spain, France, Italy, and Andorra. Its main city is Barcelona. Catalan is also the official language of Andorra, a tiny country in the Pyrenees.

Famous People of Catalan Descent
- Felipe Alfau - novelist and poet
- Julian Casablancas - lead vocalist of the rock band, The Strokes
- Salvador Dalí - surrealist artist
- Benicio Del Toro - actor, film producer
- Rafael Ferrer - American actor
- Michelle Font - Miss USA 2008
- Valentin Fuster - renowned cardiologist
- Martin Garralaga - film and television actor
- Marc and Pau Gasol (brothers) - NBA players
- Joan Miró - surrealist artist
- Xavier Sala-i-Martín - economist, professor at Columbia University
- Assumpta Serna - actress
- Oriol Servià - race car driver in the IndyCar Series

Learn these everyday phrases!

- Welcome: Benvingut (male) or Benvinguda (female)
- Hello (General greeting): Hola, Bon dia
- Hello (on phone): Hola? Sí? Digui?
- How are you?: Com està? (formal)
- Reply to ‘How are you?’: Bé, gràcies, i vostè? (formal)
- Long time no see: Quant (de) temps!
- What's your name?: Com es diu? (formal)
- My name is (name): Em dic (name)
- Good morning: Bon dia
- Good afternoon: Bona tarda
- Good evening: Bona nit

Indiana University is home to as many as 70 world languages!

- Akan/Twi
- American Sign Lang
- Arabic
- Avestan
- Azerbaijani
- Bamana
- Bengali
- Bosnian/Croatian/
- Serbian
- Catalan
- Chinese
- Czech
- Dari
- Dutch
- Egyptian (Demotic)
- Egyptian (Middle)
- ESL
- Estonian
- Finnish
- French
- Georgian
- German
- German (Old High)
- Greek (Classical)
- Greek (Modern)
- Haitian Creole
- Hausa
- Hebrew (Biblical)
- Hebrew (Modern)
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Kazakh
- Korean
- Kurdish
- Kyrgyz
- Lakota
- Latin
- Macedonian
- Mongolian
- Norwegian
- Old Church Slavonic
- Pashto
- Persian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Quechua
- Romanian
- Russian
- Sanskrit
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Tajik
- Thai
- Tibetan
- Turkish (Ottoman)
- Turkish
- Turkmen
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Uyghur
- Uzbek
- Yiddish
- Yoruba
- Yucatec Maya
- Zulu