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.

Students who study a world language for at least one year score an average of 38 points higher on the SATs.

♦ Knowledge of a world language increases your chances of landing a good job, as demonstrated in a recent poll of 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, as suggested by a study from York University in Toronto that connects prevention of the onset of dementia with foreign language learning.

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There are 310 million speakers of Hindi, making it the fourth most widely spoken language in the world. It is also the language of a long literary tradition, both in modern prose and poetry as well as in pre-modern secular and devotional poetry. Since the early 20th century, Hindi cinema (“Bollywood”) has become increasingly popular around the world.

Hindi is widely spoken across North India and is the national language. Because many other North Indian languages are closely cognate with Hindi, you can also use Hindi to communicate with speakers of such languages as Punjabi and Rajasthani.

Globalization is bringing an increased focus on Hindi-speaking India with its prolific film industry, massive IT presence, and growing consumer market. Speaking Hindi will give you an edge over those who work in India using only English, and more important, will help build enduring relationships with Hindi speakers.

IU Bloomington offers 3 years of Hindi language instruction and weekly conversation tables to help students practice the language in a relaxed setting. In the first year, Hindi and Urdu are taught in the same classroom. Undergraduate students can fulfill their foreign language requirement with two years of Hindi.

IU is the only institution in Indiana, and one of only two in the Midwest, where students can learn this critical language!

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**Learn these everyday phrases!**

- Hello (General greeting): नमस्ते (namaste)
- What is your name?: अपका नाम क्या है? (āpka nām kyā hai)
- My name is ___: मेरा नाम ____ है (merā nām ____ hai)
- Very pleased to meet you: आप से मिलकर मुझे बड़ी खुशी हुई (āp se milkar mujhe baḌī khuśī huī)

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**Languages**

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

Akan/Twi
American Sign Lang
Arabic
Avestan
Azerbaijani
Bamana
Bengali
Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian
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
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Turkish (Ottoman)
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Turkmen
Ukrainian
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