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 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.

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Studying Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia) opens you to the rich culture of the dynamic Indonesian Archipelago. This chain of islands stretches along the equator between two continents, Asia and Australia, as well as two oceans, the Indian and the Pacific.

Currently, Indonesian is on the U.S. government’s list of critical languages. The geopolitical position of Indonesia as the largest Muslim country in the world has made the language all the more important.

In the U.S., fewer than 300 students enrolled in Indonesian language courses in 2009. Given the large number of people that speak Indonesian and the small number of American students that study it, there are great opportunities for anyone that chooses to take Indonesian!

A working knowledge of Indonesian will also help you understand the literature, arts, history, movies, politics, economy, and other aspects of Indonesian people’s lives.

Who speaks Indonesian?
Indonesian is spoken by 250 million people living throughout Indonesia. It is the national language that unites the country of over 400 indigenous languages.

Interesting Facts about Indonesia:
- The Indonesian archipelago consists of more than 17,000 islands.
- The Komodo Dragon, which is the largest lizard in the world, can be found on the Indonesian islands of Komodo and Rinca.
- Orangutan (orang hutan) means “men of the forest” in Indonesian.
- Indonesian Batik, a type of local fabric, is on UNESCO’s list of the world’s intangible cultural heritage.
- Borobudur, located in Central Java, is the largest Buddhist temple in the world.
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Learn these everyday phrases:
- Welcome: Selamat datang
- Hello: Halo
- How are you?: Apa kabar?
- I’m fine, thanks. And you?: Baik-baik saja.
- Dan anda?
- Morning greeting: Selamat pagi
- Around noon greeting: Selamat siang
- Afternoon greeting: Selamat sore
- Evening greeting: Selamat malam
- See you: Sampai jumpa
- Thank you: Terima kasih

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