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.

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Students study Norwegian to gain an insider’s perspective on the diverse riches of this Northern European country. By learning the Norwegian language, students build an understanding of the people, the culture, and the history of the country, and an appreciation for how these factors contribute to make Norway a serious participant in our globalized world. Norway has a great need for educated workers. It has a strong economy, low unemployment, a high standard of living, a comprehensive health care system, and a keen sense of gender equality. Job applicants with a background in Norwegian language and culture have something unique to offer to employers. Speakers of Norwegian can generally read and understand Swedish and Danish with little difficulty, increasing understanding and appreciation for the entire Nordic region.

Who speaks Norwegian?
Norwegian (norsk) is a North Germanic language spoken primarily in Norway, where it is the official language. Together with Swedish and Danish, Norwegian forms a continuum of more or less mutually intelligible local and regional variants. The language has about 5 million native speakers primarily in Norway. It is a part of the Indo-European language family and uses the Latin with Norwegian alphabets writing system.

Famous Americans of Norwegian Descent
- Norman Borlaug - biologist and Nobel Laureate
- Boomer Esiason - former football player
- Jimmy Fallon - TV personality
- Peter Graves - actor
- Melanie Griffith - comedian
- Lance Henriksen - actor
- Ernest O. Lawrence - Nobel Prize winner
- Priscilla Presley - musician
- Sally Ride - physicist and astronaut

Why Study Norwegian?

Learn these everyday phrases!

- Welcome: Velkommen
- Hello (General greeting): God dag/Hei/Morn/ Hallo (on phone)
- How are you?: Hvordan har du det?
- I’m fine, thanks. And you?: Jo takk, bare bra. Og du?
- Long time no see: Lenge siden sist!
- Pleased to meet you: Hyggelig å møte deg
- What’s your name?: Hva heter du?
- My name is (name): Jeg heter (name)
- Morning greeting: God morgen
- Afternoon greeting: God ettermiddag
- Evening greeting(s): God kveld
- Nighttime parting phrase(s): God natt

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
- Catalan
- Chinese
- Czech
- Danish
- 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
- Wolof
- Yiddish
- Yoruba
- Yucatec Maya
- Zulu