Why Learn A World Language?

- In an increasingly globalized world, 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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Why Study Ukrainian?

- In 2014, the Pentagon added Ukrainian to its list of critical languages.
- Ukrainian is a useful bridge to learning other Slavic languages, such as Belarussian, Czech, Polish, Russian, and others.
- There are more than 30 million Ukrainian speakers in the world.
- The Ukrainian population of the United States is the second largest outside the former Soviet Union.
- In 2008 Ukraine was accepted into the World Trade Organization.
- Foreign governments and their diplomatic corps, as well as international businesses firms, have need for knowledgeable employees who are skilled in Ukrainian language and culture.
- Business, law firms, and government agencies express interest in people who know Ukrainian.
- Students will be able to discover Ukraine’s contemporary culture with its multifaceted experiments in music and the arts.

Who Speaks Ukrainian?

Ukrainian is an East Slavic language spoken by 30 million people. Ukrainian is the state language of Ukraine and a native language for 68% of its population. It is also spoken in the Ukrainian Diaspora in Russia, Kazakhstan, United States, Canada, and other countries. Currently, the Ukrainian population in the United States is the second largest outside the former Soviet Union.

Famous People of Ukrainian Descent

- Bob Dylan - singer, songwriter
- David Copperfield - illusionist/magician
- Vera Farmiga - model, film director, producer
- Milla Jovovich - model, actress
- Mila Kunis - actress
- Leonard Nimoy - actor
- Jack Palance (born Volodymyr Palahniuk) - actor
- Karina Smirnoff - professional ballroom dancer on Dancing with the Stars

Learn these everyday phrases!

- **Hello** - Pryvit (Привіт)
- **Good bye** - Do pobachennia (До побачення)
- **Please** - Bud’ laska (Будь ласка)
- **Thank you** - Diakuyu (Дякую)
- **Yes** - Tak (Так)
- **No** - Ni (Ні)
- **How are you?** - Yak spravy (Як справи?)
- **What’s your name?** - Yak tebe zvut’ (Як тебе звуть?)
- **My name is ...** - Mene zvut’ (Мене звуть) ...

Languages

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

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