

PROVEN SUCCESS:

- Generally, two-thirds of the LTC students scored **one level higher** on the OPI test taken at the end of the course compared to the beginning of the course.
- This simulated immersion environment in northern Minnesota is so effective that some students find themselves saying things like "well, back in America..."



LTC ISO-IMMERSION PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS:

*The instructors have been **exceptional at adapting** to the specific needs of the students.*

I feel like I made more progress here than I have in any other course.

*I have felt as immersed here as I have when working with someone **1-on-1 in-country**.*

*Wow! The training was difficult in every way, BUT, we were given **every tool and advantage to succeed**.*

The final testing results for our students who attended the [Arabic and Russian], Concordia program are superb. In fact, the Arabic 2+ scores are the first that have ever been received for students in the ILC program. This is the data that I needed to justify the continuation of your immersion program to our Command.

– Senior civilian language training expert, JFK Special Warfare Center and School



CONCORDIA LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTER

A PROGRAM OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE AND CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES

ACCELERATED LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL TRAINING
THROUGH ISO-IMMERSION



Training Center Locations

Programs take place at culturally authentic facilities 15 miles from Bemidji, Minn.



Questions?

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For general questions about Concordia Language Villages or other programs we offer, contact us at (800) 222-4750, ext. 4718 or email at clv@cord.edu

About Concordia College

Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., is a private, coeducational, four-year liberal arts college and is a nationally recognized leader among undergraduate institutions in study abroad.



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Concordia College is one of eight Language Training Centers (LTC) in the United States, funded by the Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO), and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

The Concordia LTC was established in 2016 in collaboration with the 300th MI Brigade of the Utah National Guard. For the 2019-20 academic year, the Concordia LTC will provide residential iso-immersion programs in partnership with the 300th MI BDE of the Utah National Guard and the Twenty-Fifth Air Force (25 AF) of San Antonio, TX. The languages offered during the 2019/20 academic year: Arabic (MSA and Levantine), Mandarin Chinese, French, Hebrew, Korean, Persian Farsi, Russian, and Spanish.

At Concordia Language Villages, our approach to language teaching puts learners into a grand simulation which includes the need to apply the target language via context-based situated learning and being surrounded by meaningful elements of a culturally authentic setting.

ISO-IMMERSION AT CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES

Through its focus on LREC skills, the U.S. Department of Defense recognizes that world language skills lead to cultural competencies and understanding. Concordia Language Villages has **60 years of experience** building these competencies for thousands of learners from a variety of backgrounds.

SITUATED LEARNING

Through the iso-immersion experience of this residential training program, participants focus on learning an average of ten hours per day, including an intentional mix of formal and informal immersion program elements, away from distractions of daily life, guided by a blend of native speakers and highly proficient US-based instructors. The instructor to learner ratio is 1:2, with no more than three students per academic class, providing for extensive opportunities to engage and find support in the learning process. This full immersion, “living the language” environment creates an environment for accelerated learning and advancing linguistic as well as cultural competencies. Courses target students aiming to achieve 2 or 2+ and higher on the next DLPT.

The Concordia Language Villages **iso-immersion** model builds **competence and confidence**, enabling learners to readily transfer their expanded skills to real-life situations in their daily work. Instruction consists of a blend of integrated cultural immersion elements including:

- Hands-on activities
- Authentic meals (food and customs)
- Role-playing of **tailored scenarios** (operational, cultural, risk assessment)
- Sports and cultural activities

This rich environment provides opportunities for deep learning in formal and authentic settings.



Cultural immersion impacts understanding the nuances of language within the context it is used. Cultural understanding gives language significance in the **real world**.

FLEXIBLE PROGRAM OPTIONS

Culture-rich and language-intensive iso-immersion programs in a setting away from outside influences and distractions are ideal for:

- Sustainment training
- Pre-deployment training
- Operational training
- Capstone training

Programs can be tailored toward specific training needs of:

- Diplomats (USAID, Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, etc.)
- Military (FAOs, Special Operations, Civil Affairs)
- ROTC
- Attachés (military, law enforcement)
- Intelligence Community
- DEA, FBI and others

For additional information, including dates for established course offerings or inquiries about custom programs, please contact Martin Graefe at graefe@cord.edu.



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