

ELIGIBILITY

The training programs are open to people of all ages, and businesses interested (Both American and immigrant communities). It will be useful for public (City, County, State & Federal) and private sector employees. Individuals who want to increase their knowledge of the global community will benefit immensely from the training as well.

OUR STAFF AND RESOURCES

The language consultants are board certified by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL certified); each with over twenty-five (25) years of teaching experience. All our language teachers are either ACTFL certified personnel, or work under the supervision of ACTFL certified personnel. Consequently, our language courses and classes follow the guidelines established by ACTFL for language proficiency. For further information about ACTFL certification processes, you can visit their website at www.actfl.org.

All the instructors are native/near native speakers. The instructors have years of teaching experiences. They will work under the supervision of a language certified staff or consultants.

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LANGUAGE



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ABOUT THE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

In our ever changing, global, multi-national, and multi-cultural environments, linking our communities with the world around us has become very critical.. for example, children of African immigrants and Africans in the diaspora often lose touch and contact with their native land because of the inability to communicate in the mother tongue. The IITD Language/ culture education program aims at addressing the intercultural training and human resource development needs of our community. Moreover, proficiency in languages other than English, especially in the United States, is crucial in our global society.

The main goal of learning a new language or increasing competency in an existing or “old language is to be able to accurately and fluently communicate in that language. Advantages of language and culture education include, but not limited to becoming a functional, multicultural professional; enhancing our cultural understanding and gaining a familiarity with the ways and customs of people in our communities; and developing academically. Research has shown that foreign language education stimulates the brain; and learning a first foreign language is the gateway to learning many others (ACTFL; www.actfl.org).

The introductory courses aim at exposing the participants to the conversation form of

language which will develop the basic daily communication skills necessary for human interaction. Subsequent courses will build on the basic skills developed in the introductory class. Writing and literature classes can be held for those interested.

The syllabi of the language program are designed and approved under the supervision of consultants who are experts in linguistics.

WHAT LANGUAGES ARE TAUGHT?

Our goal is to meet the needs of our immediate and future communities. We have classes/workshops* in the following languages and cultures:

1. Arabic	5. Twi
2. Igbo	6. Yoruba
3. Somali	7. Other languages as needed
4. Swahili	

*For further information and details about individual language offerings, please contact IITD program office by telephone or email.

WHY TAKE OUR LANGUAGE COURSES?

The followings are some of the reasons you should participate in our language training program:

- You will learn any of the African languages taught at the institute using the immersion system with native speakers in the community.
- We have small size classes that are conveniently scheduled to fit your work or school activities.
- Our classes are very interactive and self paced, with step-by-step guidance from the instructors.
- We utilize time-tested, research based, multi-media teaching materials such as DVD/CD-ROM, on-line resources, and other audio-visual materials.
- We customize our teachings to fit your needs as a partner.
- There are opportunities for one-on-one sessions/private tutoring.
- You will have the special privilege to participate in a language family program. The program matches you with a family in the community who is a native speaker.
- There will be the “taste of Africa” program that all language and culture learners are expected to participate.