The Accelerated Language Programs (ALPs)

College Credit through Fairfield University for:

Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian or Spanish

Session 1: June 26-July 6, 2010

Session 2: July 10 -July 20, 2010

Fairfield University is offering 3-4 undergraduate credits for courses taken in the Accelerated Language Programs (ALPs) for French and Spanish in cooperation with The Rassias Center for World Languages and Cultures at Dartmouth College. Credit for Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese or Russian may be offered if credit placement is confirmed with the Academic Director by June 2, 2010 (see below). The 11-day ALPs sessions will be held in June and July on the Dartmouth College campus in Hanover, NH. We highly recommend that participants seeking credit inquire in advance about availability. Two other languages are offered at ALPs, but only on a non-credit basis as they are not currently offered at Fairfield University: ESL (English as a Second Language) and Modern Greek.

Over the past twenty-eight summers, thousands of adult students of nearly all ages have taken the Accelerated Language Program courses designed by Professor John A. Rassias, the celebrated language professor and creator of the highly dynamic Rassias Method® of teaching. These "crash" courses integrate music, socializing at meals and cultural activities into the curriculum. Alumni of the ALPs include business executives, teachers, entire families about to embark on trips abroad, college students and Hollywood actors, among others.

CLASS ORGANIZATION

ALPs master teachers apply a dynamic, experiential, and team-teaching approach to the pursuit of foreign languages. Master classes range in size from 5 to 20 students, and their teachers are Rassias Method® experts recruited from schools around the country and abroad. The complementary, small-group oral practice classes are limited to eight students or fewer. Skilled assistant teachers who are usually undergraduate or graduate students lead these drill classes. They are full partners working closely with the master teachers, who are college-level instructors. The combination of master classes, drill classes and extramural activities helps to hold everyone's attention and form a group spirit that enables students to learn a great deal in so short a period of time. There are over 75 contact hours eligible for credit, including tutorials, whereas a typical three-credit college course would offer about 45 contact hours. ALPs courses excel in actualizing "forgotten" language skills!
SESSIONS

Session 1
June 26 to July 6, 2010
**Spanish (and see other languages immediately below)**

Credit in the following languages may be offered if placement is confirmed with the Academic Director by June 2, 2010: Arabic 1*, Italian, Japanese 1*, Mandarin Chinese 1*, Russian 1*. We highly recommend that placement and the assignment of a mentor be arranged by June 1st for Spanish as well to assure credit availability. Please contact the Academic Director at Fairfield University. See the contact information below.

* Beginning level only. Unless otherwise specified by level, the languages are offered from absolute beginner through approximately fifth-semester levels, assuming adequate enrollments. For example, multiple levels are available in Spanish, but only the absolute beginner level is available in Japanese above.

Session 2
July 10 to July 20, 2010
**French (and see other languages immediately below)**

Credit in the following languages may be offered if placement is confirmed with the Academic Director by June 2, 2010: Arabic 2, German, Japanese 2, Mandarin Chinese 2, Russian 2. Please contact the Academic Director at Fairfield University for academic questions about credit. See the contact information below. Please note that Arabic is now available for college credit.

PLACEMENT

To determine placement, an entrance interview is administered at Dartmouth College to all ALPs students on the first afternoon of the program, preceding the beginning of classes. Tentative prior placement in French can be made by calling the Academic Director at Fairfield University (see below). All Fairfield University language courses through the Intermediate level are four (4) credits. Any students placed in the most advanced ALPs level(s) of French or Spanish may be eligible for registration in our Conversation course, which carries three (3) credits. Since tuition charges are based on the number of credits, an additional credit payment will be necessary if placement is changed on-site from a three-credit to a four-credit course. Similarly, a refund will be made if placement is changed to a three-credit course and the participant had earlier registered for a four-credit one. Click on the following link for an informal guide to **self-placement**.

UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT

Fairfield University undergraduate credits can be earned in courses ranging from absolute beginner through relatively advanced conversation, approximately 5th semester or higher in a college sequence. Only beginner-level (Elementary) courses for credit may be
available in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian, depending upon the syllabus in the particular ALPs program. All students enrolled for credit will have a final oral and written examination as partial assessment of their proficiency and achievement levels during the last two days of the program. Dr. Joel Goldfield, a Fairfield University professor and ALPs instructor, assisted by other Fairfield faculty, will be the on-site foreign language methodologist supervising the Fairfield University – Rassias Center course placement, testing, grading and awarding of credit. Since institutions of higher education have varying language placement policies and requirements, students seeking to apply Fairfield University credits elsewhere are strongly urged to determine these and their transfer arrangement prior to registration for ALPs since we cannot be responsible for outside uses of Fairfield University credits.

For descriptions of Fairfield University language courses, please see: http://www.fairfield.edu/documents/academic/aca_undercat09.pdf. For specific descriptions of ALPs credit course expectations and procedures, please contact the academic director (see below).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Interested students should register for Fairfield University credit by June 2, 2010. Courses may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, so please register as early as possible. Participants should have confirmation of their acceptance from The Rassias Center at Dartmouth College (see below) by June 1st in the desired language program, prior to registering for Fairfield University credit. Teachers (K-12) outside of Connecticut interested in obtaining CEUs in lieu of college credits should check in advance with their district or State Board of Education regarding the transfer and processing of CEUs.

Credit registrations should be made through Ms. Patricia Brunetti-Pivarnik, Program Coordinator, University College, Fairfield University. Students may pay for the Credit Fees with cash, a check or with Mastercard, VISA or American Express. Contact information is provided below. Please note that students pay Program Fees separately to The Rassias Center to secure a place in the appropriate language program before registering for Fairfield University credit. As the Rassias Center is a Preferred Partner of Fairfield University’s University College, we at Fairfield University are happy to offer ALPs credit students a reduced credit fee of $395 per credit.

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

Credit Fees:

Elementary and Intermediate levels: ....................$1,580 (4 credits)

Conversation level or more advanced: ..................$1,185 (3 credits)
Registration Fee (non-refundable) .........................$25

**Continuing Education Unit Fees:**

For Teachers K-12 .................................................$195 (2.9 CEUs)

Registration Fee (non-refundable) ...............................$25

**The Rassias Center for World Languages and Cultures at DARTMOUTH COLLEGE**

**Program Fee:**

**$2,800** - includes: instruction, tutoring, daily lunches and dinners, instructional and material fees, and cultural events. See the ALPs registration link immediately below for information on the optional dormitory package in air-conditioned housing.

Dormitory housing, breakfast, parking and athletic facilities are available for a fee. Please see the Rassias Center ALPs web site at: [http://www.dartmouth.edu/~rassias/programs/alps_enrollment.html](http://www.dartmouth.edu/~rassias/programs/alps_enrollment.html).

*In addition to the Program Fee, a $100 non-refundable enrollment fee is required by The Rassias Center to reserve your space. For more information or to enroll, call The Rassias Center's ALPs office at Dartmouth College: (603) 646-3583. Your Dartmouth ALPs space must be reserved before Fairfield University can process your credit registration. Full payment deadline for the Rassias Center: June 1st.*

*To register by FAX for the ALPs program (not including credit), download the enrollment form from the website listed above and FAX to: (603) 646-2240.*

**TOTAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM COSTS:**

Total academic cost for a **three-credit course** is: $1,185 (credit fee) + $25 (Fairfield U. registration fee) + $2,800 (Rassias Center Student Program Fee) + $100 (RC enrollment fee) = $4,110.

Total academic cost for a **four-credit course**: $4,110 + $395 (4th credit) = $4,505.

Applicable to **all Elementary- and Intermediate-level courses** for credit.

All credit students eligible for and desiring an additional three- or four-credit course in the same summer pay only one Fairfield University and one Rassias Center registration fee. Room and board are additional.
To register for credit, contact:

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For more information about academic credit, contact:

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