ALPs 2015

Immerse Yourself
in another language

Explore
a different culture

Learn
to improve channels of communication

Q: What is ALPs?
A: ALPs (Accelerated Language Programs) is a 10-day language immersion program developed by Professor John Rassias, which uses The Rassias Method®, a combination of dramatic techniques, rhythmic drills, and energetic reinforcement strategies to make learning an engaging experience without inhibitions.

Q: What is instruction like at ALPs?
A: Instruction at ALPs is split up into two types of classes: Master Class and Small Group Sessions. Master Classes are taught by college-level faculty trained in the Rassias Method®. In these classes, students actively learn the structural and cultural elements of the language. Small Group Sessions are conducted by Assistant Teachers who reinforce material taught in Master Class with rapid-fire language exercises called drills.

Q: What is housing like?
A: All dormitory housing, which is optional, is single occupancy unless otherwise requested. Shared bathrooms are located on each floor, with bed and bath linens provided. Please notify us when you sign up regarding any special needs (i.e. restricted mobility).

Q: What are meals like?
A: For all required meals, ALPs participants will dine with their fellow students and faculty. You must attend all scheduled meals because we take care to ensure meal time is not only a time to eat, but is also a time to practice newly-acquired language skills in comfortable surroundings.

Q: Are there any age restrictions?
A: Students must be at least 15 years of age (with at least one year of high school completed). There is no maximum age, and each year we host participants from young adults to retirees.

Q: What will my schedule look like?
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* There will be two unscheduled evenings where adult participants are free to spend their dinner and activity time as they wish.

For travel scheduling information: Our programs begin with participants arriving for registration between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the first day. Classes conclude on the morning of the final day, followed by a graduation ceremony and farewell luncheon ending by 2:00 p.m.
Q: What are the cultural activities?

A: Evening programs cover a range from skits, to film, to discussions to familiarize students with the heritage of the society of the target language, and are enriched by the realization that participants will have learned to communicate better with the people around them, be it family, friends, business associates, or fellow students.

For more information, visit:
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ALPs students come to Hanover with many life experiences and different bases of language acquisition. Shortly after arrival you will join one of our MTs for a placement interview. Below, there is a wide-brushed overview that will correspond with close approximation to each language level.

Beginner Levels
Along with a sound grammatical basis, you will be able to communicate autobiographical data (including names, state of health, description of family and home, city of residence), as well as give and receive directions, use the number system, tell time, deal with money, describe the weather, seasons, and order food and drinks.

Intermediate Levels
As an intermediate student you will find our program an excellent refresher course, which will solidify your understanding through speaking and living in the language. You will cover all the most vital elements and structures of the language in classes that focus on practical communication; your vocabulary will increase and you will become at ease in structured discussions.

Advanced Levels
As an advanced student, after a review of significant grammatical elements, the emphasis will turn to more complex self-expression and expanding communication skills. Focus is on conversation, use of idiomatic language, and cultural data.

Our goal at each level is to help you attain fluency within the linguistic categories listed above and familiarization with the culture of the language. We stake our reputation on our ability to demystify grammar and to make language acquisition an uncomplicated and enjoyable adventure.

Partial Scholarships
Partial scholarships are available; please visit our website or call for details. An application must be accompanied by the ALPs registration form and non-refundable registration fee.

To Register
Complete the enclosed registration form and return it along with the registration fee, or register online.

Important Dates
4/14/15 Scholarship applications due
5/1/15 Scholarships awarded
5/15/15 Final balances due
5/22/15 Final class determinations, last day to modify options (dormitory, parking, etc.)

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