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LANGUAGES AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Course guide



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LANGUAGES AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Professional and Public Programs knows that language skills are a valuable tool for advancement. Learning a new language is a fun, useful way to keep your brain sharp and expand your knowledge of other cultures, places and people. Learning a new language with us is

- Affordable and convenient
- Fun and engaging
- An opportunity to learn, network and build confidence

Classes are available for Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and more.

Course content may vary depending on the instructor and participants, allowing for a stress-free and flexible approach to learning new language skills.

FEATURED COURSE

WHY LEARN KOREAN?

There are so many wonderful reasons to consider learning Korean. For one, it will give you the opportunity to take a deep dive into Korean culture. You will also be able to

- learn quickly and easily, as it's one of the easiest languages to master.
- tap into a network of more than 75 million global speakers.
- improve your business prospects.
- enhance your experience when traveling in Korea and other Korean-speaking places.
- explore Korean culture, from music to movies and more.



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KOREAN

Korean for Beginners - BG4

Develop a basic level of communication, vocabulary and grammar in Korean.

Start Date: January 23, 2024

Fee: \$155

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$139.50

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CONTACT OUR TEAM



BY PHONE

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BY EMAIL

Email us at p3lang@utep.edu

See pages 5-11 of this course guide for a list of available courses for Spring 2024.

For details, visit
ppp.utep.edu/languages

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UTEP Employees and Retirees Discounts

Current and retired UTEP employees may receive a **15% discount** on eligible courses*.

*Discounts do not apply to certain programs, including but not limited to: The English Language Institute Core Program and online courses. Discounts outlined here may not be combined with any other discounts.



For more information about available discounts, check out our Safety Measures, Discounts and General Information Guide at ppp.utep.edu.

EXTENDED LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

FALL, SPRING, AND SUMMER

SEASONAL EXTENDED LANGUAGE PROGRAMS - WEEKDAYS

	SEASON	DURATION	MONTHS
FALL	Season 1	5 Weeks	August - September
	Season 2	5 Weeks	October-November
	Season 3	5 Weeks	November-December
SPRING	Season 4	5 Weeks	January-February
	Season 5	5 Weeks	March-April
	Season 6	5 Weeks	April-May
SUMMER	Season 7	5 Weeks	June-July
	Season 8	5 Weeks	July-August

Languages offered:

FACE-TO-FACE

English
French
Intensive Spanish
Intensive
Korean
Italian
American
Sign Language

LIVE/ONLINE

English
French
Italian
Japanese

SEASONAL EXTENDED LANGUAGE PROGRAM - WEEKENDS

	SEASON	MONTHS
FALL	Season 1	September-November
SPRING	Season 2	January-March
	Season 3	April-May
SUMMER	Season 4	June-August

Languages offered:

FACE-TO-FACE

English
French
American Sign Language

LIVE/ONLINE

English

SEASONAL PROGRAM - SUNDAYS

	SEASON	MONTHS
FALL	Season 1	August-December
SPRING	Season 2	January-May

Language offered:

FACE-TO-FACE

Mandarin Chinese



FACE-TO-FACE COURSES

All the following courses are offered for ages 18 and older.*

**Chinese language courses are offered for both adults and youth unless otherwise specified.*

CHINESE

Introductory Mandarin Chinese

Learn to speak elementary Chinese, including pronunciation and common greetings; also learn how to read and write a few basic Chinese characters.

Start Date: January 21, 2024

Fee: \$189

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$169

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Fundamental Mandarin Chinese I (Ages 16 and up)

Progress with learning Mandarin; learn additional vocabulary and how to read and write some basic traditional Chinese characters. Prerequisite: Introductory Chinese or equivalent level of Chinese language proficiency approved by the teacher/principal.

Start Date: January 21, 2024

Fee: \$189

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$169

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Fundamental Mandarin Chinese II

Progress in your learning of Chinese (Mandarin). Prerequisite: Fundamental Chinese I or equivalent level of Chinese language proficiency approved by the teacher/principal.

Start Date: January 21, 2024

Fee: \$189

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$169

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Intermediate Mandarin Chinese

Get comfortable speaking, reading and writing Chinese; you will learn more vocabulary and read and write more as well. Prerequisite: Fundamental Chinese II or equivalent level of Chinese language proficiency approved by the teacher/principal.

Start Date: January 21, 2024

Fee: \$189

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$169

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Advanced Mandarin Chinese

Learn more advanced vocabulary; the emphasis will be on reading and writing Chinese. Prerequisite: Intermediate Chinese (vocabulary of around 1,000 words) or equivalent level of Chinese language proficiency approved by the teacher/principal.

Start Date: January 21, 2024

Fee: \$189

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$169

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YOUTH CHINESE

Fundamental Mandarin Chinese I (Ages 5 to 15)

Progress with learning Mandarin; learn additional vocabulary and how to read and write some basic traditional Chinese characters. Prerequisite: Introductory Chinese or equivalent level of Chinese language proficiency approved by the teacher/principal.

Start Date: January 21, 2024

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French is the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture. A knowledge of French offers access to great works of literature in the original French, as well as films and songs.



[Click here to read more.](#)



FRENCH

Intensive French Program for Beginners

Designed for students with no previous exposure to French. Develop basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills at the novice-high level. This is an introductory course for students with no previous exposure to French.

Beginners - BG4

Start Date: January 23, 2024

Fee: \$175

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$157.50

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Beginners - BG5

Start Date: March 5, 2024

Fee: \$175

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$157.50

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Beginners - BG6

Start Date: April 23, 2024

Fee: \$175

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$157.50

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ITALIAN

Conversational Italian

Explore the Italian language, culture, customs and daily life.

Basic B4

Start Date: January 22, 2024

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Basic B5

Start Date: March 4, 2024

Fee: \$175

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$157.50

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Basic B6

Start Date: April 22, 2024

Fee: \$175

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The following are the face-to-face Languages and Cultural Studies courses we will have available this spring.

All face-to-face programming is subject to migration online depending on the variability of local and/or national COVID case numbers.

For complete details about other Spring 2024 courses, visit ppp.utep.edu/languages



Interestingly, most countries that share the same spoken language do not necessarily have the same sign language as each other. English for example, has three varieties: **American Sign Language (ASL)**, **British Sign Language (BSL)** and **Australian Sign Language (Auslan)**.



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SPANISH

Intensive Spanish Program for Beginners

Learn basic, communicative Spanish grammar and vocabulary, as well as linguistic and cultural strategies to improve communication.

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ONLINE COURSES

All the following courses are offered online for ages 18 and older.

Pricing for the following courses is available on the course website; simply follow the “Click here to register” link under each course description to get more information.

Note: *Additional course dates may be available, please check the links for details.

FRENCH

Beginning Conversational French

Learn correct French pronunciation using a logical, systematic method.

Instructor-Led*

Start Date: December 13, 2023

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Start Date: January 17, 2024

→ [Click here to register](#)

Self-Paced

Start Date: Anytime

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ITALIAN

Instant Italian

Express yourself comfortably and communicate effectively in Italian in a wide variety of settings.

Instructor-Led*

Start Date: December 13, 2023

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JAPANESE

Conversational Japanese

Learn useful words and phrases for conversing as you master the essentials of the Japanese language.

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“This was an amazing course! The language is beautiful, the teacher is so engaged, driven and knowledgeable. **Planning on coming back!”**

*Languages Student,
Spring 2023*



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SIGN LANGUAGE

Discover Sign Language

Learn how to sign basic phrases and complete sentences and how to put it all together, so you can introduce yourself and start a conversation.

Instructor-Led*

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Discover Sign Language II

Build on your knowledge of Sign Language; learn to construct phrases and sentences and add to your vocabulary.

Instructor-Led*

Start Date: December 13, 2023

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Start Date: January 17, 2024

→ [Click here to register](#)

Self-Paced

Start Date: Anytime

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Discover Sign Language Series

A combination of Discover Sign Language Levels 1 and II. Learn how to sign basic phrases and complete sentences and how to put it all together, so you can introduce yourself and start a conversation. Also learn new vocabulary plus how to build phrases and sentences with vocabulary previously learned.

Instructor-Led*

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SPANISH

Spanish for Law Enforcement

Master basic Spanish to be more effective in handling law enforcement situations involving Spanish-speaking victims, witnesses or criminals.

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Spanish for Medical Professionals

Get the basic tools you need to bridge the communication gap with Spanish-speaking patients.

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Spanish in the Classroom

Learn essential Spanish for teachers and bridge the communication gap with your Spanish-speaking students and parents.

Instructor-Led*

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Speed Spanish

Learn Spanish quickly with the help of six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences; designed for anyone who wants to learn Spanish quickly.

Instructor-Led*

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COVID-19 PRECAUTION STATEMENT

Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, prior to, after, and/or during your time enrolled in your course(s), you are highly encouraged to report your results to covidaction@utep.edu as well as to let our office know at ppp@utep.edu.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear face masks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that we can take care of ourselves and others is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit epstrong.org.



Wash your
hands often



Use tissue when
cough/sneeze



Wear a face mask
if you are sick



Avoid close contact with
people who are sick

Speed Spanish II

Become more conversational and comfortable in Spanish-speaking situations. Improve your Spanish fluency, vocabulary and pronunciation.

Instructor-Led*

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Speed Spanish III

The final installment of a three-part Speed Spanish Learning Series; learn the final six recipes that will serve as templates to help you create any Spanish sentence you want.

Instructor-Led*

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Speed Spanish Series

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WRITING AND PUBLISHING

Grammar Refresher

Develop English grammar skills and take your writing and speaking to the next level.

Instructor-Led*

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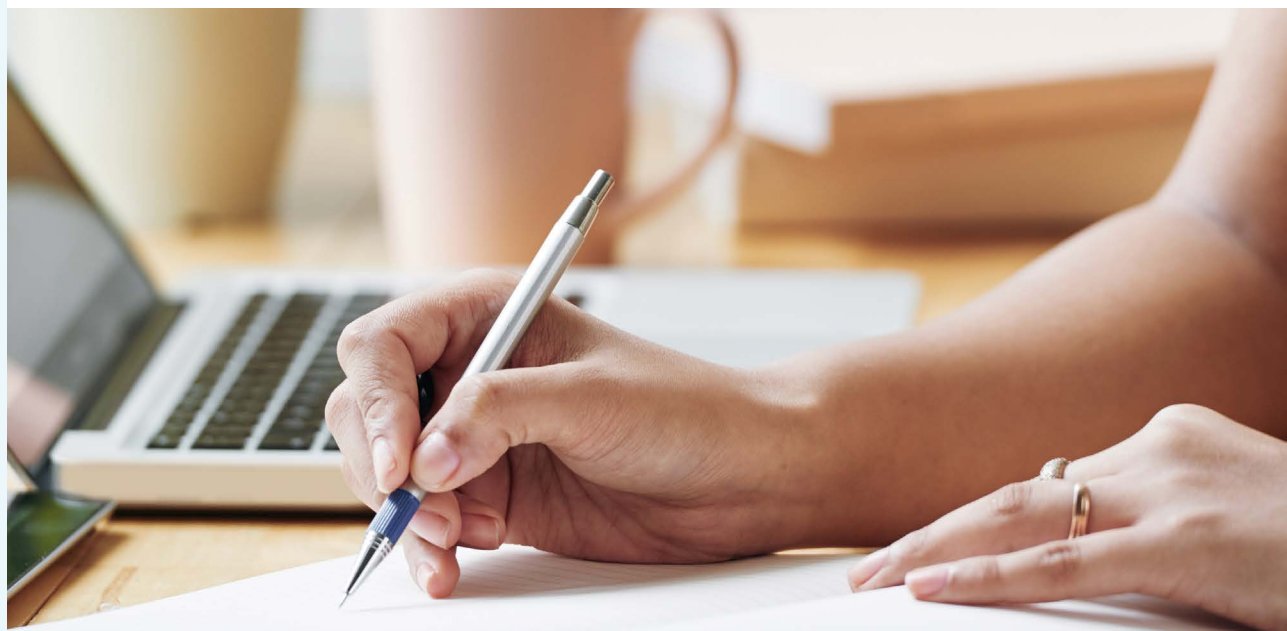
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Socorro Herrera

Program Manager

Socorro (Soco) began her career at UTEP in 2003 as a part-time customer service representative with PACE, which was the name of Professional and Public Programs at that time.

She was born and raised in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, and moved to El Paso in 1995. She holds a Bachelor in Business Administration with a Minor in Finance from the Instituto Tecnológico de Ciudad Juárez.

Soco strives to provide excellence through accessible programs that positively impact the well-being of the community. She is a current, active member of the UTEP Staff Council, and a proud mother of two children and several four-legged fur babies.

Favorite inspirational quote: “You’re alive. That means you have infinite potential. You can do anything, make anything, dream anything.” – Neil Gaiman



SPRING 2024 COURSE GUIDE

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