

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

INTERNSHIPS

100% of Lesley students benefit from 400+ hours of hands-on field-based experience and research opportunities. Working with Lesley's Internship Office, students choose from more than 280 approved sites in Cambridge and Boston, as well as 48 more (and growing!) across the U.S. and abroad.

"Our growing language program is an essential part of a Lesley education. It is crucial for students embarking on Liberal Arts majors, as we offer them a window into other cultures and worldviews. Furthermore, foreign language training has become a must for students who wish to compete as professionals in the US and the global economies."

— Dr. Clara Ronderos,
Assistant Professor of Spanish and
Foreign Language Coordinator

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Over the last five years, Lesley students seeking employment have averaged a 93% employment rate within six months of graduation; approximately one third have gone on to graduate school.

ENGAGED IN REAL WORLD LEARNING

WHY LESLEY?

Today 66% of the world's people are bilingual. In the United States, that number is one in four and growing. The interconnectedness of the global economy increasingly demands that citizens be multi-lingual to facilitate fluent communication. From international business through community based social services, the ability to understand and communicate in languages other than English has become a quantifiable asset and a defining factor in career growth. Quite simply, there has never been a time in which language skills mattered more.

At Lesley College, we are committed to educating engaged citizens of the world, students who are prepared for deeper scholarship or for the competitive job market they face. We recognize language learning to be an inherent part of that foundation and encourage all of our students to take advantage of the multiple linguistic opportunities that Lesley provides. Lesley offers classes and self-directed programs in languages that enable students to speak, write, read and research in Spanish, French, Italian, German and Mandarin. We take our language students beyond the word, to the world, setting language into context within historic and cultural landscapes, through literature, through current events, and through the arts.

LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE

Lesley language students become scholars with a world focus. As such, students study other languages and cultures engaging in comparative analysis as they explore the context of original literature and cultural productions outside an anglophone tradition. Students build a foundation of knowledge that they can apply in internships across fields of study, from social services, through business, education, foreign service, history, literature and the arts. Language skills can be cultivated through first-hand learning in hundreds of internship opportunities locally and internationally, from teaching English to underprivileged children in Boston to doing historic literary research in Italy to rebuilding homes in Costa Rica.

STUDY ABROAD

Here, every opportunity is encouraged. Some students study abroad with the intention of acquiring language skills; others already accomplished in a language seek programs of greater intensity designed to meet and expand their fluency as well as enhance cultural understanding. Lesley students have worked with children in Peru and Argentina, from Costa Rica to El Salvador, in Rome, Paris, and beyond. The Study Abroad Office offers students access to programs and internships on four continents through 18 accredited affiliate institutions and providers. Additionally, students participate with mentors/advisors in summer research opportunities in affiliated or self-designed programs that strengthen knowledge and impact their futures.

AS YOU GROW, SO GROWS OUR PROGRAM

There are many advantages to learning a foreign language. According to Korn/Ferry International, bilingual speakers outperform their peers in complex problem-solving, cultural interaction, and in career opportunities both here and abroad. Multi-lingual speakers can command higher salaries and see their chances of advancement increase through their lives. And, as important as all these, through a deeper knowledge of other languages, we develop deeper appreciation of our world and our place in it.

As a student at Lesley, you'll have a connection to extraordinary field work and educational opportunities through these affiliates and institutions or programs of your choice:

- Academic Programs International (API) (locations in Europe and Latin America)
- American Institute for Foreign Study (programs in numerous European countries, India, New Zealand, and South Africa)
- American University in Paris
- Arcadia University - The College for Global Studies (programs worldwide)
- AustraLearn (in addition to Australia, offers programs in New Zealand, Fiji, Asia and Europe)
- Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
- Ecole de Communication Visuelle (School of Visual Communication), Paris
- Freiburg University of Education, Freiburg Germany
- International Partnership for Service Learning (Europe, Asia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and US locations)
- Living Routes (ecovillages)
- Lorenzo de Medici Institute (Florence, Rome, Venice and Tuscania, Italy)
- Orebro University Exchange Program (Sweden)
- Parsons Paris School of Art and Design
- Semester at Sea - Institute for Shipboard Education
- School for International Training (SIT) (programs in 40+ countries)
- University for the Arts, Bremen English Information [pdf]
- Washington Semester at American University (Washington DC)

For more information and to see additional course offerings, visit www.lesley.edu/lc/foreignlanguages.