Pursuing global health research and experiential learning requires understanding and respecting different cultures. Language and communication are important components of cultural competency. The Harvard University resources described below offer opportunities for students, members of the Harvard community, and others to learn language and communication through courses, consultations, informal practice, and study opportunities.

**Courses**

Language and communication courses are offered through the following programs, academic divisions, or academic departments:

**African Languages Program**
The African Language Program provides students flexibility in acquiring new languages or advancing their skills by offering both half- and full-course options for language study.

**Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning: Teaching in the American Classroom Program**
The Bok Center’s Teaching in the American Classroom Program promotes excellence in teaching for international faculty and teaching fellows. The program offers individual consultations for international faculty and teaching fellows; courses, nanocourses, and workshops for international teaching fellows; and an oral English proficiency assessment.

**Harvard Extension School**
Take an open-enrollment class online or in the evening at Harvard. No application is required. Harvard Extension courses are offered in fall and spring terms, and in an intensive three-week January session.

**FAS Arts and Humanities Division**
Offers courses in Celtic languages and literatures, East Asian languages and civilizations, Germanic languages and literatures, Near Eastern languages and civilizations, Romance languages and literatures, Slavic languages and literatures, and South Asian studies.

**Consultations or Informal Practice**

**Bureau of Study Counsel**
The Bureau of Study Counsel (BSC) supports Harvard students in their learning, growth, and development.

- **ESL Peer Tutoring Program**: Peer tutoring is an opportunity to connect with a student who has previously done well in your course. Most tutoring is one-on-one, but occasionally tutors also work with groups of students.

Language Learning Resources
• **ESL Peer Consultation Program**: In this program, students help other students with their conversational English skills and acculturation to the U.S. and Harvard. Most consultation sessions are one-on-one and are expected to take place in person.

**Harvard Neighbors**
A volunteer and membership organization that serves to create a sense of community for the members of Harvard University. Interest groups (including ones centered on English conversation practice, French conversation, and Italian conversation) are organized and led by volunteer members and meet on a regular basis during the academic year.

**Summer Study**

**Committee on African Studies: Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship**
Awards for [undergraduates](#) and [graduate students](#) for summer study of African languages.

**Office of Career Services (OCS): Summer Funding Listing**
Listing of undergraduate awards (averaging $3,000) for freshman, sophomores, and juniors for summer study abroad, including language study.

**Harvard Divinity School: Summer Language Program**
An eight-week, intensive program in language study designed specifically for the curriculum in theological and religious studies, taught with a focus on translation and reading comprehension in the foreign language.

**Harvard Summer School**
Summer courses offered for degree credit, career advancement, or personal enrichment. Most of the 300 courses do not require application for college and adult students. High school students: check out the [Secondary School Program](#).

**Fellowships**

**Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)**
The graduate FLAS fellowships promote foreign language competence and international world area knowledge by ensuring the continuance of area expertise in a variety of fields, including academe. The FLAS Fellowship is an annual competition designed to finance graduate study in foreign languages and appropriately related area studies.

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS): Committee on African Studies**
Through funding from the Department of Education, the Committee on African Studies finances the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program for academic year and summer tuition and stipend support. Graduate students are eligible for both Academic Year and Summer FLAS Fellowships to promote development of competency in an African language and African Studies knowledge.

**Multimedia Learning**

**Language Resource Center (LRC)**
A multimedia computer facility supporting many of the more than 80 ancient and modern languages taught in various departments in Harvard’s Faculty of Arts and Sciences. In addition to supporting practice opportunities for second language learning, LRC supports faculty efforts to incorporate specialized technology into their courses, language-related research by faculty and/or graduate students in GSAS, and media support for certain large General Education courses in the College. The LRC offers RosettaStone® Online licenses to any Harvard student, faculty, staff, and alumni.