Who Are We?

Concordia Language Villages, a program of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., offers programs in 15 languages year-round for all ages. We are best known for our summer camp experience, during which more than 4,000 young people from across the United States and around the world immerse themselves in language and culture. Our programs welcome more than 10,500 youth and adult participants annually.

Top 10 States for Enrollment

1. Minnesota
2. Illinois
3. Wisconsin
4. California
5. New York
6. Texas
7. Virginia
8. Maryland
9. Iowa
10. Michigan

61% of villagers come from outside the Midwest and 24 different countries.
What is a Language Village?

A Language Village is both a place and a frame of mind. Unlike any other program of its kind, our participants, called “villagers,” take part in a **grand simulation** where they immerse themselves in the sights, sounds and tastes of a different culture.

Villagers use yen or euros or RMB at the Village store, take on a new name, and live the language within the cultural context of another country. It’s more fun (and interesting) to speak French while eating baguette, or Chinese while eating dumplings. Everything that happens in the Village supports the language and cultural immersion principles. A Language Village is a place where villagers can live the language for a weekend, a week, two weeks or longer.
Since 1961, youth ages 7-18 have experienced the excitement and fun of an international adventure at our flagship residential language and cultural immersion programs. No previous language experience is necessary, and all levels of language learners are welcome at our culturally authentic Language Villages. In the summer, villagers participate in one-, two-, or four-week programs with a host of specialty offerings to choose from. More information is available online at www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org.
Youth Exploration (One-Week Program)
Villagers are introduced to Village life, are immersed in the language and culture of the Village, and develop the skills necessary for living independently while in a community of other learners. Appropriate for all levels of language proficiency.

Youth Immersion (Two-Week Program)
The original language camp, villagers develop strong relationships with staff and peers, learn about customs and traditions relevant to the language of the Village, and explore more complex topics or complete more challenging projects. Appropriate for all levels of language proficiency.

High School Credit (Four-Week Program)
All levels, from beginning to advanced, are offered. After successful completion of the program, participants are sent a transcript granting credit for one year of high school language instruction, written evaluation and course framework. College credit program also available.

Day Camps Ages 4-14
Villagers enjoy fun games, craft activities and lots of music at our day camps. The day camps run for all language levels and are an exciting way to advance your children's language skills.

Pre-K Ages 2-5
The Pre-K immersion experience introduces Chinese, Norwegian and Spanish language and culture through music, dance, creative play, crafts, games, stories and food to children ages 2–5.

Family Camps
Our Language Villages are an ideal opportunity to share an "international" experience together for a fraction of the cost of traveling abroad. Invite grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles for an unforgettable family reunion!
Adult & Educator Programs

**Educators**

Educators can participate in professional development and graduate programs, bring groups of students for weekend or summer programs, and share information about the Language Villages with parents and students.

**Village Weekends**

Village Weekends are three- and four-day programs for language education classes in grades 3-12. Participants have continuous opportunities to use their present language skills and develop a higher level of proficiency through themed activities geared towards the target culture.

**Adult Programs**

Language immersion programs for adults are offered throughout the year. Like our youth programs, these seminars are language and culture-intensive, featuring a rich array of authentic music, arts and crafts of the nations where these languages are spoken. A talented and motivated staff provides expert instruction in small and large group settings catered specifically to participants' language abilities, from beginners to native fluency.

**Corporate Training Programs**

Our training programs for corporate and government clients help organizations meet the challenges of a global and multicultural workforce and customer base. We customize training content to meet the specific needs of the client. This customization can range from focusing on language required for a specific job, to creating special situational learning scenarios that attempt to replicate real-work circumstances. Our programs combine language with cultural competency training.
We emphasize building a positive, supportive community of learners where anyone—regardless of proficiency—can benefit from our cultural immersion programs. Learners with low, medium or high proficiency benefit from a community of other learners and educators intent on helping them improve their language skills. Additionally, no other educational institution in the United States provides the level of cultural context that Concordia Language Villages offers. Our programs are rigorous, fun, intentional and time-tested.

Outcomes of a Language Villages Experience:

• Confidence: Teachers universally recognize that students who have participated in a Language Villages program have greater confidence—particularly in spoken language.

• Community and Connections: In addition to the positive learning community that is a hallmark of our programs, alumni are immediately connected to a vast network of staff and villager alumni across the United States and around the world.

• Proficiency: While gains in measurable proficiency depend heavily on many factors (language of study, effort, duration of program, background), our students of all ages consistently report that they are more than satisfied with their increase in language proficiency.

96% of parents surveyed said that they were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with their children's experiences at the Language Villages.