JUMP INTO LEARNING ARABIC, CHINESE OR RUSSIAN!

CLS Spark is a funded virtual initiative of the U.S. Department of State’s Critical Language Scholarship Program for U.S. undergraduate students to learn languages essential to America’s engagement with the world through an intensive summer course.

CLS Spark provides American students the access and opportunity to start their language learning journeys when these critical languages are not offered on their campuses or when they have responsibilities that limit their ability to go abroad.

Participants spend a summer learning Arabic, Chinese or Russian through online classes and activities facilitated by native speakers at a host institution abroad, approximately 90 hours of instruction over eight to nine weeks.

With inclusive support provided by program staff, students will develop proficiency in all four modalities in these languages (listening, speaking, reading, writing), participate in regular cultural activities, and make connections with members of the host country’s community and their peers across the U.S.

Participants also benefit from structured professional development activities organized over the course of the program.

Applicants with no prior language experience in Arabic, Chinese, and Russian are encouraged to apply. **The application opens in October.**