

Concordia Language Villages Adult Immersion Programs

Adults cherish the opportunity to hone their skills as a global citizen through language learning and sharing their experiences in a supportive setting free of the distractions of daily life. People from across the United States attend Concordia Global Seminars for the opportunity to speak another language, visit another country, build a community with like-minded peers, or participate in an array of cultural activities. Those who spend time in our programs take with them a deeper understanding of our world.

"The content was challenging but well-presented in many engaging ways to accommodate learning preferences, styles, comfort zones."

- Finnish Adult Program Participant

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"Concordia has continued to embed itself among the finest institutions who take seriously their obligation to provide life-long learning."

- Concordia Abroad Participant



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What are Concordia Global Seminars?

A Concordia Global Seminar provides adults with a unique setting to explore other languages and cultures. Domestic programs include skill workshops and language immersion sessions which center around one language and the cultures that speak it. In these programs, participants live every day in the language; they learn, laugh, explore, discover, eat and play in the language. The peaceful setting of Minnesota's North Woods is an ideal learning environment, free of everyday distractions. Programs abroad span service learning, language immersion, and discovery and adventure seminars. Concordia Global Seminars create an environment that encourages people to step out of their daily routines, providing focus and building confidence to speak another language.

"This is my seventh year and I look forward to this week where I spend my energy on thinking and no energy on food at all and still get great food."

- French Week Participant

Concordia Global Seminars Abroad

Our programs take adults around the world to provide service to developing nations, learn about history and culture, immerse themselves in language or challenge themselves with new adventures.

Concordia Service Seminars provide a service to people or communities in the developing world.

Concordia Discovery Seminars focus on history or culture and feature academically rigorous itineraries intended to advance learning about specific regions.

Concordia Language Immersion Seminars focus on the acquisition of language during travel or short-term residence abroad.

Concordia Adventure Seminars are geared for intrepid travelers interested in challenging destinations that require flexibility and stamina.

"Without a doubt we shall be talking about this trip and what we saw and experienced for the rest of our lives."

- Concordia Abroad Participant

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"Coming 'home' here, I have found time in a busy world to find myself, become whole again, so I can go out into the real world renewed."

- German Week Participant

Domestic Programs

Adult Language and Cultural Immersion Weeks and Weekends

Weeks and weekends at the Language Villages enable participants to sharpen language skills or explore an entirely new language and culture. Talented and motivated staff members—language experts and native speakers—offer instruction in small and large group settings catered specifically to participants' language abilities. Culturally authentic cuisine, engaging activities and interesting presentations about culture and history enrich language instruction. Just like in the other programs of the Villages, adult participants have been known to return year after year, some for more than twelve years.

Spanish for Healthcare Professionals

Spanish for Healthcare enables medical professionals to do patient intakes and to communicate to patients what is happening and why. Medical professionals that can communicate without an interpreter gain the trust of their patients and in so doing, provide better patient care. Catering to the beginning and intermediate language learner, this course also provides important and helpful cross-cultural insights. CMEs available.

Elderhostel Programs

Run in partnership with Elderhostel, Inc., these week-long programs, much like the adult programs of the Villages described above, engage adults aged 55 and older with Language Villages' signature language classes, cultural lectures, arts, song, music and other activities reflecting the target cultures.



Skill Workshops: Rosemaling and Norwegian Genealogy

Rosemaling Workshops led by Gold Medal instructors allow participants to build their skills in the intricate styles of this beautiful Norwegian folk art form. Norwegian Genealogy Workshops explore where to find, how to network and how to use genealogical resources when searching for Norwegian ancestors.

Family Programs

A rare opportunity to explore and experience culture and language learning as a family, these programs create a supportive environment where language learners of all ages can discover languages and build confidence in their use of a world language. Music, dance, arts and crafts, sports, outdoor activities, and cooking involve the entire family in the learning process. From sunrise to sunset, you'll hear the sounds, taste the food, sing the songs, and play the games in the language. The natural surrounding of the Villages inspires learning.



"I appreciated the variety of physical and intellectual activity offered and the fact none of it was compulsory."

- Finnish Adult Program Participant





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The world is our home

Culturally authentic, year-round sites for Finnish, French, German, Norwegian, Russian, and Spanish are on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn. Our adventure and discovery programs take place all over the world, in places like Argentina, China, Mexico and Tanzania.

Program Offerings

- Adult Language and Cultural Immersion Weeks and Weekends
- Elderhostel Programs
- Family Programs
- Master of Education in World Language Instruction
- Seminars Abroad: Discovery, Service, Language Immersion, and Adventure
- Skill Workshops
- Spanish for Healthcare Professionals
- Teacher Seminars
- Village Weekends for Teachers and Their Students



Educator Programs

Teacher Seminars provide a forum for language educators to earn graduate credit while learning about and discussing current practices and issues related to the teaching of second languages. Seminar participants visit the Language Villages to see language and cultural immersion strategies in action.

Our newly introduced **Master of Education in World Language Instruction** provides experienced language teachers with the unique opportunity to earn their master's degree in 18 months through a combination of online instruction and on-site coursework.

Village Weekends during the academic year provide the opportunity for a full weekend of language and cultural immersion for language students attending with their teacher. They typically return with more confidence to use the language and with an intensified curiosity and drive to engage in the classroom to learn more.



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