

Concordia Language Villages

Language Immersion Programs

Immersion at Concordia Language Villages means living every day in the language. People come from across the United States and around the world to speak the language, build a community, and participate in an array of cultural activities. Those who spend time in our Villages take with them a deeper understanding of our world.

"I feel so successful here. ... I came back home with a whole new outlook on learning."

- Italian Villager from Brookfield, Ill.



Explore with



Sunset at the Korean Language Village, *Sup sogüi Hosu*, on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn.

Our programs

Our goal is to provide an environment in which villagers find the courage and confidence to explore the language and culture, to comprehend it, to speak it, to play in it. The Villages offers programs in 15 languages year-round for all ages. We are best known for our summer camp experience in which more than 6,000 young people from across the United States and from many other countries immerse themselves in language and culture. Yearly, our programs welcome more than 11,000 participants ranging in age from 1 to 99.

Options for language learning and cultural exploration at Concordia Language Villages:

Youth and Family

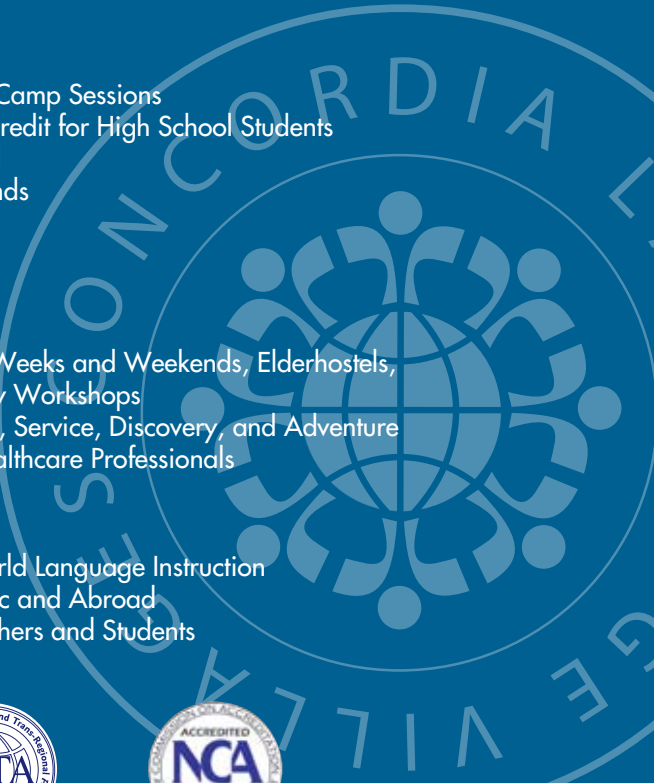
- Residential Summer Youth Camp Sessions
- High School and College Credit for High School Students
- High School Credit Abroad
- Family Weeks and Weekends
- Pre-Kindergarten
- Day Camps

Concordia Global Seminars

- Domestic Seminars: Adult Weeks and Weekends, Elderhostels, Rosemaling and Genealogy Workshops
- Travel Seminars: Language, Service, Discovery, and Adventure
- Spanish for Business or Healthcare Professionals

Educators

- Master of Education in World Language Instruction
- Teacher Seminars, Domestic and Abroad
- Village Weekends for Teachers and Students





In each Language Village experience, you will have the opportunity to learn language and culture through music, song, dance, poetry, nature, food, sports, games, and art. Village programs vary and are inspired by the culture, dean, and the talent of the program staff. As a villager you will interact with native speakers from around the world and staff members proficient in languages, world knowledge, and global citizenship.

For families and youth

Summer programs offer one-, two- or four-week stays in a Language Village. Youth aged 7 to 18 experience daily rituals and activities in a playful yet intellectually charged and language-focused summer camp setting. Villagers, from beginners to advanced, learn at their level and have many opportunities to mingle and learn from each other. At the high school level, villagers can elect to earn high school or college credit at our Minnesota sites or deepen their exposure and education by traveling abroad.

Families can enroll for sessions throughout the year in one of 12 language programs and access the same rich setting and daily schedule. Immersed in beautiful surroundings, conversation and language, lessons about the larger world and the value of learning language stimulate both children and parents. Children can participate in pre-kindergarten programs in the Twin Cities during the year or become "Village Explorers" in one of six languages at day camp sessions during the summer.



Concordia Global Seminars

Adults have the option to enroll in Concordia Global Seminars in the United States or overseas. For more than 15 years, adults have tested and enriched skills in our language programs during one-week or weekend sessions. Language Villages and Concordia College alumni and friends can enroll in service, language, and academic programs abroad. Participants can join a study tour to Greece, teach English at a school in China, or further develop Spanish skills in Spain.



"I am so glad that Concordia does the Credit Abroad program. ... I have been telling my friends that missing a month of their social lives is definitely worth the memories they will be taking with them."

- German Credit Abroad villager, Austin, Texas

Enriching the classroom experience

Teachers can earn graduate credit through a special course, Second Language and Immersion Methodologies, that combines observation of the Language Villages in action with application of the methods to the language classroom. This is the first course in the new Master of Education in World Language Instruction, a program that combines on-line instruction during the academic year with on-site coursework during the summer.

The Language Villages provides weekend immersion experiences for teachers and their students throughout the school year. Educators see their students return from the Language Villages with more confidence to use the language and intensified curiosity and drive to learn more.

"Students get a dose of the language and come back different, charged and alive in the classroom."

- Byron Despres-Berry, German teacher and Village Weekends participant, Appleton Area School District

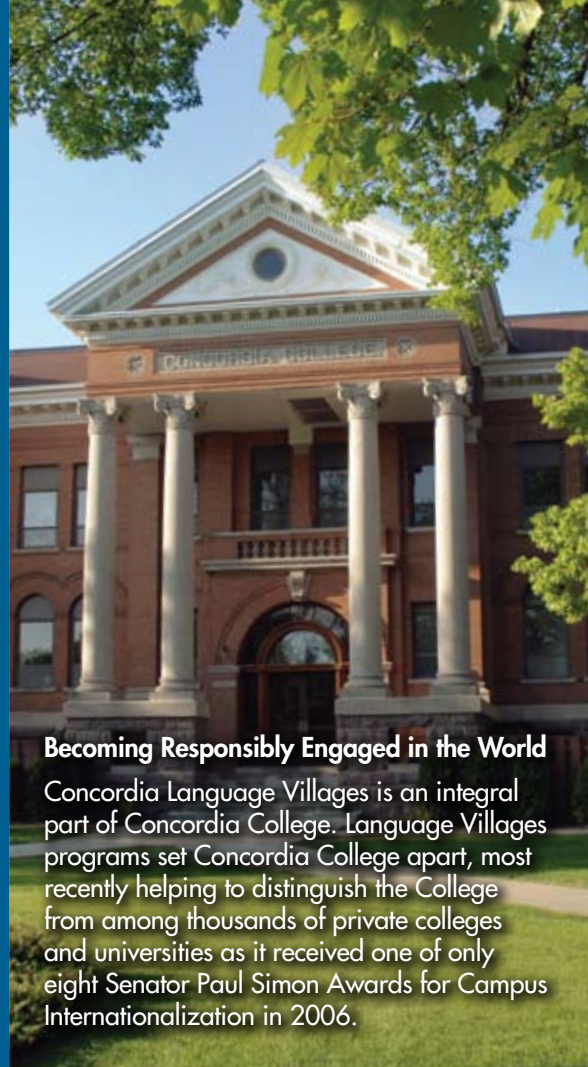
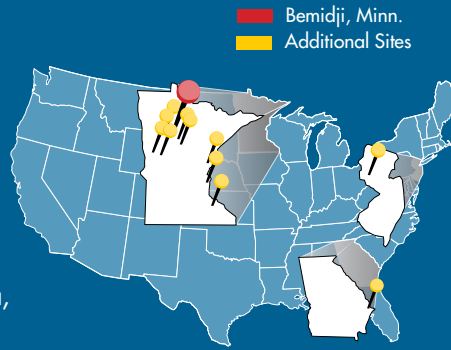


"Here I can see, I can observe in action what happens in an immersion environment. The low anxiety, exceptional output – the kids may come with little ability but leave speaking so much more. I am so glad to have been exposed to something like this."

- Teacher Seminar Participant from College Park, Ga.

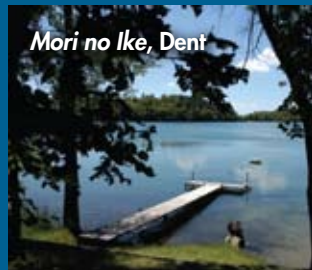
The Concordia Language Villages Community

Villagers enter another zone when they walk through customs at Concordia Language Villages. They choose a new name, exchange American dollars for foreign currency, and immediately hear welcoming phrases in the language. Six culturally authentic sites dot the shores of Turtle River Lake, located near Bemidji, Minn. The Language Villages leases additional sites in Minnesota, Georgia, and New Jersey.



Becoming Responsibly Engaged in the World

Concordia Language Villages is an integral part of Concordia College. Language Villages programs set Concordia College apart, most recently helping to distinguish the College from among thousands of private colleges and universities as it received one of only eight Senator Paul Simon Awards for Campus Internationalization in 2006.



Concordia Language Villages Leadership Staff

Deans and program leaders are the directors of each Village. They shape the villagers' experience through the hiring of staff and the development of programs and curricula. Deans are language experts who understand the process of acquiring language – and how to have fun while learning it.

"The counselors are fantastic. It was clear when we dropped off the kids, and again when I picked them up, how outgoing, enthusiastic, and genuinely excited about the program the counselors are."

- Japanese, French and Spanish Villager Parent from Shorewood, Wis.

"You know you're successful when the kids come back. All the Villages have really high return rates. I think that's because it's not about vocabulary and verb forms. It's about turning kids into committed lifelong learners of that language, about making language fun for kids."

- Ross King, Ph.D., Village alumnus, dean of *Sup sog'ui Hosu*, professor of Korean at the University of British Columbia



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