

Academy of Culture and Language Website Edits

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Welcome to the Academy of Culture and Language

Knowledge of more than one language allows you to engage, communicate, and interact with others proficiently.

Studying a foreign language also enhances memory and listening skills. You will experience an increase in problem-solving and critical thinking abilities as a bilingual.

With ACAL, you will become a valuable employee in the marketplace. Through language, you will form new business connections that will help you succeed in the global economy.

Want to gain a new perspective of the world and its diverse cultures? Join one of the leading centers for language comprehension today by contacting 346-358-3237.

Our Philosophy

At ACAL, we use the power of language and culture to drive growth and success to all your endeavors.

Our learning activities include cultural trainings that help you speak a new language in the right context. We also help you understand different cultural preferences and how they improve communication with others.

So, experience our immersive learning environment where language encompasses not only words, grammar, and vocabulary; but also, culture.

Our Mission

ACAL aims to provide exceptional language training and customer service at the best value.

To achieve this mission, our team:

- Sets and executes high-performance standards
- Leverages modern teaching techniques for our diverse students
- Promotes cultural understanding and worldwide communication
- Improves our programs through research, insights, and innovative ideas
- Provides a comfortable and conducive learning environment

Our Purpose. Your Schedule.

We offer ample flexibility when it comes to our students' classes, curriculum, and timings. You can choose from traditional group classes or request private lessons depending on your individual preferences.

With the help of our instructors at ACAL, get ready for an interactive learning environment that ensures results. We are here to help you fulfill your learning goals with ease and enjoyment.

Why Choose ACAL?

- The curriculum incorporates cultural flavor
- Emphasis on conversations
- Small and interactive classes
- An immersive environment that builds confidence
- Vocabulary and grammar lessons are engaging; not boring
- Teaches practical words with real-life situations
- Techniques that help you learn the nuances of pronunciation
- Ideal for everyone from toddlers and young adults, to professionals and seniors

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ACAL supports your language journey by guiding you through our comprehensive language immersion programs. At the end of each session, students find themselves armed with more confidence, freedom, and opportunities.

About Page

Who We Are

When you learn a new language, you inevitably expand your world view.

This profound understanding of a foreign language and culture limits previous cultural and linguistic barriers you might have encountered, and facilitates new connections.

At the Academy of Culture and Language (ACAL), we do just that.

We strive to combine the power of culture and language in a flexible and encouraging environment best suited to meet your needs.

ACAL supports your lifelong learning journey by guiding you through our language programs every step of the way. At the end of each session, students find themselves armed with more confidence, freedom, and opportunities.

Transform your dreams into a fulfilling reality today with ACAL.

The Founders Vision

The Academy of Culture and Language was created and founded by Marissa Burres.

Marissa is from Panama and has over 15 years of experience in language education and a strong foundation in business management.

In 2003, she moved to Houston and received her teaching certification. From there, she began teaching middle and high school students all levels of Spanish.

Then, she ran afterschool English as a Second Language (ESL) programs and worked as a Spanish instructor for an online high school.

Alongside her fluency in Spanish and English, Marissa is also proficient in German. When she's not working, she enjoys offering her home to exchange students looking for new experiences in an unfamiliar country.

In the past, Marissa worked in a German bank in Panama, and visited various countries including India and Russia. As a globetrotter, Marissa embraces every opportunity to join multicultural events and exchange ideas.

Fun fact: Marissa can say almost any word or phrase in over ten languages!

Throughout the years, Marissa envisioned starting an academy of her own. She aimed to combine her passion for culture and language in a way that would leverage her expertise as a teacher and business owner.

Marissa strongly believes that anyone can learn a new language—regardless of their age, culture, or background.

"Learning a new language is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The experience helps you broaden your cultural outlook and vision of the world," Marissa stated.

Eager and filled with knowledge, Maria soon realized her dream of becoming an entrepreneur. Through lots of hard work and with the help of an excellent team of instructors and mentors, her dream soon became a reality.

Today, Maria shares her love for language by teaching students how to immerse themselves into a new language completely one step at a time.

Our Instructors

Our instructors are fluent native speakers or certified instructors in their subject of choice. They come from a wide range of professional backgrounds such as law, engineering, medicine, and finance. We conduct regular training for our staff in both group and individual settings for optimal performance,

At ACAL, you will gain exceptional grammar and vocabulary skills that will establish a firm foundation built for success in the future. Our courses are custom-made to fit your unique schedule, goals, and learning styles.

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Maria Elena

As a native Argentinian, Maria is well-versed in the English and Spanish language. Maria has extensive experience teaching all levels of Spanish. Backed by her background in healthcare, Maria also has experience teaching medical Spanish.

Mayte

As a native of Panama, Mayte specializes in medical and corporate Spanish. She has a master's degree in business administration and over five years of experience teaching students.

Seth

Seth earned his master's degree in language education. He and has over 20 years of experience teaching French and Portuguese to students of all age groups. Seth and teaches all levels of French, and basic to intermediate Portuguese.

Christian

Christian has over 20 years of experience in education and received a Master of Arts in French and Spanish Language and Literature. At ACAL, Christian teaches all levels of French and Spanish.

Martha

A native from Venezuela, Martha has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, and teaches all levels of Spanish.

Addy

Addy teaches sign language and has over five years of experience teaching American Sign Language (ASL).

Diana

Diana is a native of Colombia with a bachelor's degree in computer systems. She has five years of experience in education where she teaches all levels of Spanish and ESL.

Carla

A native of Venezuela, Carla has two years of experience teaching special education and all levels of Spanish.

Nick

Nick is from Houston, Texas, and is a first-generation Greek. He teaches all levels of Greek to our students.

Agatha

A native from Italia, Agatha teaches all levels of French and Italian.

Testimonials

"Mrs. Burres was one of my favorite teachers in high school. She made the class more exciting by assigning fun Spanish culture art projects, and created games to play to that kept the class more alive. I loved how patient she was; always taking the time to work one-on-one with students to make sure no one felt left behind."

"Growing up multilingual, I know what it takes to become comfortable with a language. Marissa is uniquely qualified to enhance your current skill set. If you are learning a new language, she will create a custom learning path for you to make the process easier. I found my lessons extremely useful and entertaining. I highly recommend Marissa and her team for anyone trying to learn a new language."

"I took Spanish classes with Marissa. She used her unique style to teach and custom-tailor each lesson according to my individual needs. With her help, I was able to apply the skills and lessons I learned immediately in my industry."

"Marissa is a one-of-a-kind teacher that you will remember for the rest of your life. She changes the paradigm; she makes you jump and do things; she is upbeat, and always has a positive attitude. Above all, she is a great listener."

"Mrs. Burres is one of those teachers that you will remember for the rest of your life. I was always welcomed into her class with a smile, handshake, good morning/afternoon, and the occasional compliment. She is energetic, always ready to teach, and has unique ways of doing so."

"I have been attending Marissa's Spanish group activities since 2012 and have found her method of teaching fun and easy to follow. I also attended private lessons for two years; the first year with Marissa, and the second with one of her instructors. My proficiency in Spanish has been a valuable asset in my life. Not only has it improved my law practice, but also proved useful for my trips to Latin American and Spain."

"Ms. Burres is a very knowledgeable teacher and loves her students. Her passion for teaching Spanish is noticeable because she truly cares about her students. I didn't know how to write Spanish until I took her courses and learned how to apply her lessons to the real world. I strongly recommend her language academy because she has the skills to help her students to speak and write Spanish extremely well."

Languages

French

Study of a foreign language can lead to better education, career, and travel experiences.

French is the world's fifth most spoken language and dominates classrooms, boardrooms, and households all across the globe. It's an official language in 29 countries with over 340 million speakers worldwide.

English

With over one billion speakers worldwide, English bilinguals are at a distinct advantage in the global market. Learning a foreign language will increase your connections and opportunities worldwide.

German

Since German is an essential business language in Europe and the United States, it can transform your career. German technology is highly sought after around the world; and if you combine technological innovation and language fluency, the opportunities are endless.

Italian

If you've been thinking about learning a new language, Italian is an excellent choice. Since Italian words are pronounced the same way they are written, it's a simple language to learn.

Kids Programs

A Fun-Filled Summer Awaits at ACAL

Learning more about a foreign language and culture has never been so exciting!

Our summer camps at ACAL balance entertainment and education in all the right ways. We offer interactive activities and learning techniques to stimulate your child's curious mind.

With the help of our certified instructors, your child will further develop their language and personality. Our instructors adjust their teaching methods to meet your child's specific developmental needs.

All of our campers can expect many fun-filled activities that promote language immersion every day!

The Top 5 Reasons to Choose ACAL Summer Camp:

- Theme-based learning every week, including core vocabulary, interactive games, and hands-on activities.
- Learning a new language helps children communicate both inside and outside of the classroom.
- All campers participate in various arts and crafts activities and interactive plays.
- Children learn best in a nurturing environment that fosters friendship and curiosity for global cultures.
- Our native-speaking language instructors have extensive training and experience in pedagogy and language teaching techniques.

Inspire your child's language-learning journey today! Call 346-358-3237 to schedule your first free lesson.