

Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center
BILC UPDATE
As of 4 May 2005



1. Core Missions:

- a. Educate, Sustain, Evaluate, and Support Department of Defense linguists.
- b. Average daily resident attendance (3,079):

Army	1,295	Air Force	1,039
Marine Corps	271	Others	25
Navy	449		

2. Educate

- a. DLIFLC—22 languages taught at the Presidio of Monterey.
- b. DLI-W—85 languages under contract in Washington, DC, 50 – 55 currently taught to 231 students.
- c. Top 8 languages at DLIFLC, based on graduates in fiscal year 2004 (FY05, thru 2d Qtr)

Arabic	521 (280)	Persian-Farsi	157 (154)
Chinese	169 (128)	Russian	274 (109)
French	114 (32)	Spanish	208 (89)
Korean.....	369 (183)	Serbian/Croatian	79 (61)

3. Sustain (FY 04)

- a. Distance Learning. Taught 975 students in 180 separate classes (less due to high deployment levels):
 - Support over 271 Command Language Programs worldwide:
- b. 9,179 instructional hours in eight highest-enrollment languages:
 - 4,203 hours Video TeleTraining to 30 sites.
 - 4,976 hours Mobile Teaching Team instruction conducted at 50 sites.
 - 1,800 additional hours coordinated in lower-enrollment languages.
- c. 62 instructors deployed at Language Teaching Detachments; 10 sites and 1,711 students taught.
- d. Synchronous Web-delivered instruction utilizing broadband (teacher-student interaction online)
- e. Asynchronous Global Language Online Support System (GLOSS) learning objects (computer interactive delivery for self-study).
- f. National Security Follow-on Assignments: 70% Signals Intelligence (SIGINT); 21% Human Intelligence (HUMINT); 9% Other (FBI, DTRA, DEA, NASA).

4. Evaluate

- a. **Language Proficiency Tests**—60,684 in FY04 (26,406 in FY05, thru 3 May 05, estimated total in FY05 is 45,300).
- b. **Test Development Projects** – 2004-05
 - Albanian listening and reading
 - Arabic-MSA listening and reading
 - Arabic-Egyptian listening
 - Arabic-Iraqi listening
 - Arabic-Levantine listening
 - Chinese-Mandarin listening and reading
 - Dari listening and reading
 - Greek listening and reading
 - Hindi listening and reading
 - Japanese listening and reading
 - Korean listening and reading
 - Norwegian listening and reading
 - Pashto listening and reading
 - Persian listening and reading
 - Russian listening and reading
 - Spanish listening and reading
 - Sorani Kurdish listening and reading
 - Turkish listening and reading
 - Urdu listening and reading
- c. **Quality of Linguists:**
 - Accredited to award Associate of Arts Degree in Foreign Languages. Awarded 1,336 AA degrees from 1 May 2002 to 4 May 2005.
 - 80% of basic course graduates (FY04) met or exceeded DoD proficiency standards (2/2/1+).

- 22% of basic course graduates (FY04) met proficiency standards of 2+/2+/2.
- Only 9% of graduates from 4-year degree programs meet those same standards.

5. Support

- Human Language Technology:
 - Assessment of Text-to-Text Machine Translation
 - Development of Speech Translation Technology (DARPA TRANSTAC)
 - Support of Army Sequoyah foreign language translation system
- Directorate of Continuing Education shipped over **170,000** Language Survival Kits to field units.

6. DLIFLC Course Development Projects - 2004

a. Basic Course Projects:

Course	Status
Persian Basic	- Semester 1 development in progress
Arabic Basic MSA	- First 12 weeks of Semester 1 to be completed by end of FY05
Chinese-Mandarin Basic	- Semester 1 of new curriculum has been field tested - Semester 2 development is in progress
Serbian-Croatian Basic	- Semester 1 of new curriculum has been completed - semester 2 development is in progress
Russian Basic	- Semester 1 validation/update is in progress - Semester 2 development has begun

b. GLOSS (Global Online Support System): Accessible from www.lingnet.org

Definition: An integrated online language learning support system designed to provide users with personalized assistance in maintaining and enhancing their foreign language proficiency.

- Number of lessons available on line:

	DLIFLC		Central Texas College		University of Arizona		FY03 Total*	FY04 Total	Projected Total
	Current	FY04	Current	FY04	Current	FY04			
Arabic (MSA)	59	60	3	20			62	80	142
Chinese (Mandarin)	78	60	33	60			111	120	231
Croatian			12	30			12	30	42
Greek				15			0	15	15
Indonesian						10	0	10	10
Korean	7			60			7	60	67
Persian-Farsi*				48		10	0	58	58
Russian	35	60					35	60	95
Serbian			11	30			11	30	41
Spanish	112	60					112	60	172
							350	523	873

* 18 Persian Farsi LOs developed at DLI are undergoing revisions to bring them up to date

c. Familiarization Programs:

Produced CD-ROM based Familiarization modules in Iraqi, Urdu, Pashtu, Dari, Somali, Indonesian. Modules include: Basic Survival, Medical, Pronunciation, Sound and Script, Air Crew, and others.