

Language, Culture & Identity



One Semester, General Elective (5 Credits) | No prerequisites | Taught completely in English

This course is a study of the interactions between language, culture and personal identity. Students examine culture as a set of learned expectations, values, and behaviors of people. Students will have opportunities to experience language, music, celebrations, food, art, and customs as products of some of the world's cultures. Students will explore various media and materials from across the world. Students work throughout the semester to answer the questions: *What is culture?* And *How does my culture affect the way I see myself and the world around me?*

Students Who Are Interested in This Course

- Are interested in the traditions and perspectives of other cultures
- Are interested in sharing their viewpoints and experiences in class discussions
- Are excited to become more open-minded and compassionate through learning about others' experiences

Language, Culture & Identity Students Will...

- Make comparisons between cultures
- Identify products and practices from many of the world's cultures.
- Describe cultural products as reflections of different cultural perspectives and values.
- Understand how language and culture interact to influence an individual's identity
- Understand culture as a set of beliefs, values, expectations, and customs



Workload:

Very little, if any, homework
Projects each unit, mostly completed in class

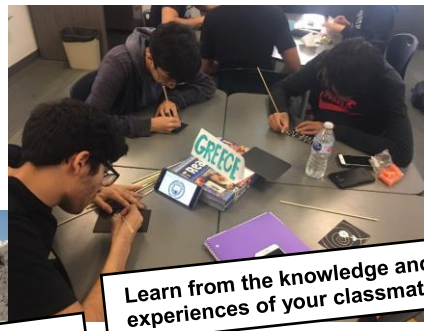
Lang., Culture, & Identity Students Say:

"Students who want to travel should take LCI because it not only teaches about how you should interact with the world, but it creates a building block that will help you adapt to new situations faster and with more compassion for those around you."

"By exposing us to the way others think and do daily life I am more prepared to see issues from different points of view and support and love my classmates that have a different cultural lens."



Learn about how people from different cultures experience major events across the lifespan



Learn from the knowledge and experiences of your classmates



Learn how your languages, cultures, and places of origin influence your identity



Zahira, 12 years old, Morocco



Samuel, 11 years old, India

Explore some of the way education varies across the world
Film: *On The Way to School*