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High School Language Program offered at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies

September 16, 2002. New Haven, CT - The Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS) will offer instruction in a range of the world’s languages — 24 in all -- to high school students in the Greater New Haven area. More than two hundred students from area public schools will be able to participate in the program for free thanks to an Interdistrict Cooperative Grant from the State of Connecticut to the Branford and New Haven Public Schools.

The following languages will be offered: Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Irish Gaelic, German, ancient and modern Greek, Hausa, Italian, Japanese, KiSwahili, Korean, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian and Croatian, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Yoruba, or Zulu. A course on Spanish Literature for Spanish Speakers, open only to native speakers of Spanish, also is available.

The classes will be small group tutorials and will run from early October to May. Students will meet once a week after 4pm in a classroom at Yale University for an hour and a half.

Students can enroll directly through the Southern Connecticut Language and Culture Exposure Program, administered at Branford High School, and funded by the State of Connecticut. The Branford program pays for the course fee, as well as the textbook and transportation costs. The program is open to 240 students from the public high school districts of Amity, Ansonia, Branford, Cheshire, Clinton, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, Naugatuck, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Pomperaug, Seymour, Shelton, Stratford, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodland Hills. For students from other schools, the program costs $325 per year. These students, or their schools, also have to purchase textbooks.

To apply through the Branford program, contact Mary Lou Radovich by September 20 at Branford High School, 488-7291, ext. 2562. To register directly with the Yale program or for further information, please contact Brian Carter at 432-3424, by October 1.

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