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High School Co-Op Language Program Offered Through Branford And New Haven Public Schools And The Yale Center For International And Area Studies

August 15, 2001. New Haven, CT ♦ A range of the world's languages - 24 in all -- are available for study during the upcoming school year to high school students in the Greater New Haven area through the Programs in International Educational Resources (PIER) of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS) and The High School Co-op Language Program. The program is made possible by an Interdistrict Cooperative Grant from the State of Connecticut to the Branford and New Haven Public Schools.

For the 2001-2002 academic year, YCIAS offers high school classes in the following languages: Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Irish Gaelic, German, ancient and modern Greek, Hausa, Italian, Japanese, KiSwahili, Korean, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian or 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.

A minimum number of five students is needed to start a class. Classes begin in early October and end in May. Students meet once a week after 4pm in a classroom at Yale University for an hour and a half (the exact time and place to be arranged by each teacher). The classes are small "group tutorials," and students are given homework assignments.

The Language Program pays for fees, textbooks, and transportation. Classes are open to up to 250 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 a fee, students from other school districts or from private or parochial schools may also participate. The program costs \$300 per student. These students, or their schools, must purchase their own texts.

Last year, the High School Co-op Language Program taught the following languages to more than 200 students from 21 public and six private schools: Arabic, Chinese, Irish Gaelic, German, Classical and Modern Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish Literature for Spanish-Speakers.

High school students in the public high school districts listed above can apply for the Language Program through the coordinator of the program in each school, usually the foreign language or independent study chair. If a student is unsure whom to contact, they may inquire about coordinators from Mary Lou Radovich of Branford High School at 315-6737, ext. 2562, before September 14. Students at private and parochial high schools, and other school districts, can register by contacting Brian Carter, Outreach Director at Yale for European Studies, at 432-3424, before September 28, 2001.

The Yale Center for International and Area Studies' PIER program encompasses a wide array of activities and services for educators at all levels, business and media professionals, and others interested in broadening their understanding of global, international, and world regional issues. PIER focuses on Africa, East Asia, Latin America, Europe, and on global and transnational issues.

YCIAS is Yale University's principal agency for encouraging and coordinating teaching and research on international affairs, societies and cultures around the world. YCIAS seeks to make understanding the world outside the borders of the U.S., and America's role in the world, an integral part of the liberal education and professional training at Yale University. It provides opportunities for scholarly research and intellectual innovation; encourages faculty/student interchange; brings international education and training to educators, the media, businesses and the community at large; sponsors over 500 lectures, conferences, workshops and roundtables each year (most of which are free and open to the public); and produces a range of academic publications. YCIAS includes nineteen research and educational affiliates, specializing in interdisciplinary and problem-oriented comparative studies of different world regions. It also administers six undergraduate majors and four Master's degree programs.

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