

“The language is to the mind more than the light is to the eye.” William Gibson

Syllabus Course: Multilingual 101 in the Digital Age

Semester: Spring 2023

Teaching Approach: Concept-Based Learning & Wireless Mind -Based Learning

Textbook: TBA- To be Announced

Format: Online/ OLLI- University Delaware

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Course Description: The purpose of this course is to inter-exchange first with the potential Lifelong Learners who would like to know and learn the consecutive steps to learn any world language in the digital age. This course is also designed to attract, stimulate, and motivate the multilingual learners (International Professors, International Students, fluent Speakers of another language and so on) to share their experiences through multiple series of forum discussions. In addition, this course is developed based on the theory of “ **The Pyramid of Seven Steps to Learn any World Language.**” The seven steps are the following: (1) Phonology/ Phonetics, (2) Listening, (3) Conversation, (4) Reading, (5) Grammar, (6) Writing, and (7) Speaking.

Finally, this course does also offer a deep reflection about how each language in itself is a world and provokes language barriers for the non-speakers. Reflecting on how **Multilingual 101 in the Digital Age** could transcend language barriers; it can make a huge difference and reinforce our connectedness. Languages connect. Be a connector!

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Date	Four Sessions	Learning Objectives	Teaching Strategies
Week One	Session I		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phonology/ Phonetics - Listening 	The Lifelong Learner will have the opportunity to explore the importance of phonetics and listening in the language learning process	Forum Discussion Experiential Learning
Week Two	Session II		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conversation - Reading 	The Lifelong Learner will be motivated to apply key strategies to improve conversational skills as well as investing on reading skills.	Forum Discussion Experiential Learning
Week Three	Session III		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grammar - Writing 	The Lifelong Learner will learn how Grammar is the backbone of any language as well as sharpening the writing skills.	Forum Discussion Experiential Learning
Week Four	Session IV		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaking - Multilingual Mind - Wireless Mind Theory - Lifelong Learning Mantra 	The Lifelong Learner will understand that “ Speaking” in the last step and not the first step to learn any world language.	Forum Discussion Experiential Learning

“ Language is not only the vehicle of thought, it is a great and efficient instrument of thinking.”
Humphry Davy