



Nebraska Department of Education

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World Language Review

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**THE POWER
OF LANGUAGES**
to make you college,
career, and civic ready
**WORLD LANGUAGE WEEK
MARCH 31-APRIL 6, 2019**

World Language Week celebrates the teaching and learning of world languages in the state of Nebraska. Nebraska has a long heritage of multilingualism from Swedish Oakland to German from Russia in Lincoln and Czech in Wilbur.

Twentieth century immigration enriched Nebraska with more languages such as Spanish, Karen, Arabic, Bosnian, and Vietnamese. Nebraska also relies on languages to promote enterprise and build global relationships. Nebraska has long known that language has the power to make one college, career, and civic ready.

Visit the NDE World Language website for support materials such as poster PDFs, graphs, and social media memes. The website can be found at:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/worldlanguage/world-language-week/>

Remember to share out any activities you do to celebrate the Power of Languages on our Facebook, Twitter, or for our newsletter.

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Charlamos: *The Power of Languages*



The Power of Languages came to me when, as a high school student, I participated in a mission trip to Nuevo Progreso, Mexico sponsored by the Bladen/Blue Hill United Methodist Church. My first semester Spanish skills were applied to creating and memorizing a phrase of introduction and an explanation of why I was there. I still remember: "Estoy aquí para construir casas para Mabel." It worked. One day, I became separated from the work team as we were in downtown Nuevo Progreso. I used my phrase with a nearby vendor who took me to another vendor who led me through the maze of streets to where the workgroup had gathered. In our broken bilingual conversation, I made a human connection and learned more about the incredible impact the program had on the community. That day, even broken language had the power to unite, to inform, and to change perspectives for the better.

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Meet Your NILA Board



Dr. Janet M. Eckerson, President-Elect
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What was your motivation to become a language teacher?

When I studied abroad in college my eyes were opened to the power of language to connect you with the world.

Describe your classroom approach in five words or less.

Input, output, interaction and authentic resources

What power do you find in speaking another language?

The power of language to connect you, not just to other individuals in the target culture, but also to an entire world of ideas and experiences beyond your own. It is a new opportunity to appreciate in a deep and life-changing way the richness of human culture.

Events

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PBS Kids Edcamp
Unconference
NET-TV
Lincoln
March 23

♦
Middle East Forum
UNO College of Arts and
Sciences, The Natan &
Hannah Schwalb Center
for Israel & Jewish
Studies
March 28

♦
Dr. Alex Ortega:
Population Health
Challenges for
Undocumented Latino
Immigrants
UNL
April 2

♦
Latinx Immigrant Health
Conversation Series: Trey
Andrews
UNL
April 3

♦
Jose Antonio Vargas
presents at Lincoln
Commission on Human
Rights Civil Rights
Conference
Lincoln
April 16-17

♦
Spanish Heritage
Language Workshop
COERLL Language
Center
Texas
June 10-11

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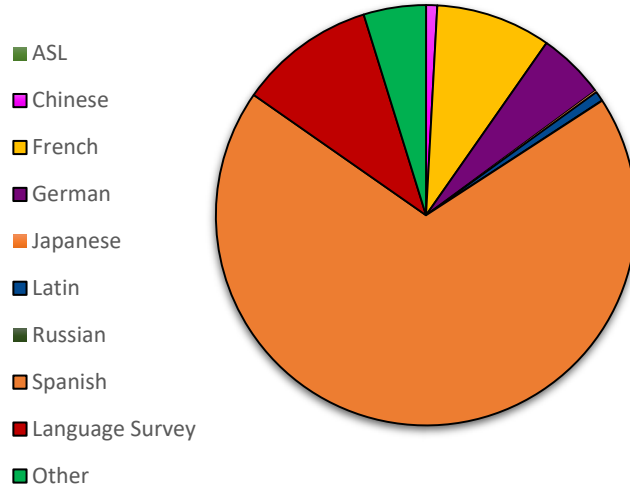


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World Language Week Special Report

79%
of Nebraska
secondary
students are
enrolled in a
World Language
course.

Language Course Enrollment in Nebraska Schools 2017-2018



The Nebraska Department of Education annually surveys school districts to record course enrollment in secondary coursework that is worth high school credit. The chart reflects the courses listed in the survey and the enrollment numbers, which include grades 7-12.

Job Postings

Nebraska employers need bilingual staff. The following occupations reflect job postings seeking bilingual employees in various languages in Nebraska in February 2019. Courtesy the NEworks website.

- Bakers
- Educators (all ages, all areas)
- Forest and Conversation Workers
- Healthcare (all areas)
- Interpreters and Translators
- Shoe Machine Operators
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Telephone Operators
- Textile, Apparel, and Furnishings
- Training and Development Specialists

No Such Thing As “Enough”: College Admissions Requirements

College entrance requirements for world language vary by school and by program. Students are best advised to consider their ultimate goal and to choose their high school language enrollment accordingly. While the University of Nebraska Lincoln states that incoming students must have two years of world language, some programs at UNL require more.

Programs With an Admissions Requirement of Four Years

Anthropology	Economics	Physics
Biochemistry	Graphic Arts	Political Science
Computer Science	Meteorology	Speech-Lang.Pathology
Dance	News-Editorial	Theatre Arts

See more at admissions.unl.edu/nebraska/foreign-language-req



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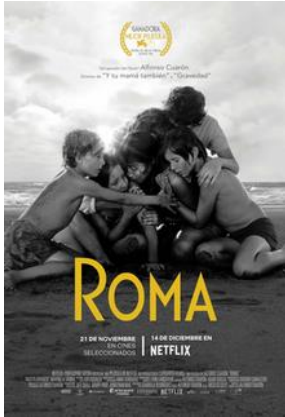


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UNK@TheWorld: Roma on April 5, 6 and 7



The University of Nebraska Kearney's annual spring film series, UNK@TheWorld, continues with a showing of Roma at the World Theater in downtown Kearney.

Dr. Michelle Warren, Professor of Spanish at UNK, shared that Roma is a monumental film in that it is the first Mexican film to win Best Foreign Language film and the first foreign language film to win for Best Director. Lead actress, Yalitza Aparicio, is the first indigenous woman to be nominated for Best Actress.

Roma will be shown April 5 and 6 at 7:30 pm. On April 7, the showing will be at 2:00 pm. Following the presentation of the film, there is a discussion led by Dr. Warren and Dr. Jonathan Dettman. Catering will be provided by Kearney's Taquería Komal. All performances are free to anyone with a UNK identification and \$5 to the general public.

When considering sharing with students, remember that Roma is rated R for violence, strong language, and limited sexual content. Although too strong for younger viewers, it can provide an excellent source for discussion on the topics of family, immigration, prejudice, social violence, and social policy. The movie is in Spanish with English subtitles.

Teach in Nebraska

The following jobs are posted at Teach in Nebraska, www.nebraskaeducationjobs.ne.gov:

- French 9-12, Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha
- French 9-12, Roncalli Catholic High School, Omaha
- Spanish 10-11, Scottsbluff Public Schools, Scottsbluff
- Spanish 4-12, Central Valley Public Schools, Greeley
- Spanish 6-8, Scottsbluff Public Schools, Scottsbluff
- Spanish 7-12, Loup City Public Schools, Loup City
- Spanish 7-12, Morrill Public Schools, Morrill
- Spanish 7-12, Winnebago Public Schools, Winnebago
- Spanish 9-12 Teledistance, Educational Service Unit 5, Beatrice
- Spanish 9-12, Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha
- Spanish 9-12, Falls City Public Schools, Falls City
- Spanish 9-12, Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School, Falls City
- Spanish 9-12, Fillmore Central Public Schools, Geneva
- Spanish 9-12, Mercy High School, Omaha
- Spanish 9-12, Mount Michael Benedictine School, Elkhorn
- Spanish 9-12, North Platte Catholic Schools, North Platte
- Spanish 9-12, Schuyler Community Schools, Schuyler
- Spanish 9-12, South Central NE USD#5, Fairfield
- Spanish K-8, St. Thomas More School, Omaha
- Spanish/Art K-12, Nebraska Unified School District #1, Verdigre



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