

Comparison of the number of hours of language-teaching
In-Country, at D.L.I, and in High School or
“Why won’t I be fluent after studying a world language for 2 years?”

Live and study In-Country	Defense Language Institute, Monterrey California	Typical Secondary School World Language Class
16 hours per day	8 hours per day (7 hours of instruction and 1 hour of special assistance) + 3 hours of homework = 11 hours per day	1 hour per day + 1/2 hour of homework = 1 ½ hours per day
7 days per week = 112 hours	5 days per week = 55 hours	5 days per week = 7 1/2 hours
	3 hours of instructor-led study hall per week = + 3 hours per week	
	Total Above, per week = 58 hours	
16 hours X 365 days	Category 1 = X 26 weeks [Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese] Category 2 = X 35 weeks [German, Indonesian] Category 3 = X 48 weeks [Dari, Pashto, P.Farsi, Russian, Uzbek, Hindi, Urdu, Hebrew, Thai, S. Croatian, Tagalog, Turkish, Sorani, Kurmanji] Category 4 = X 64 weeks [Arabic, Mandarin, Korean, Japanese]	1.5 hours X 176 days
Total Contact Hours = 5,840 hours (1 year) ACTFL Language Proficiency Level? Intermediate High?	Total Contact Hours = Category 1 = 1508 hours Category 2 = 2030 hours Category 3 = 2784 hours Category 4 = 3725 hours ACTFL Language Proficiency Level = Intermediate High	Total Contact Hours = 264: (1 year) 528: (2 years) 792: (3 years) 1056: (4 years) ACTFL Language Proficiency Level? Intermediate?