

Did you speak
another language pretty well but
you've gotten rusty?

Are you planning a *trip abroad?*

Do you have
*international
business dealings*
that would benefit from
your knowing another language?

Do you just want to
learn something new?

*Join us for a
language-immersion
course!*



THE CENTER FOR LANGUAGE IMMERSION

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Have you
always wanted to learn
another language?
Do you *wish you spoke*
better than you do?
a foreign language

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Japanese
French
German
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Portuguese
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Spanish
Swedish



What is “language immersion?”

The best way for you to make rapid progress in any language is to live it, or be “immersed” in it.

Your brain is already designed for acquiring language skills — all it needs is the proper stimulation to do so. In our language-immersion programs, we provide that stimulation, in an environment in which you will feel relaxed, safe, focused, and really motivated.



The difference between language immersion and traditional instruction is that while you do spend part of your time in the classroom working on such things as vocabulary, grammar, and

pronunciation, you also have the opportunity to converse in your chosen language as you participate in various everyday activities, just as you would if you were living in a foreign country.

In such a comfortable, informal environment — in a place that is removed from all the distractions of your regular life — you will find you are quickly at ease and eager to learn more.

From morning to night, you’ll interact in your chosen language while your experienced, native-speaking instructors guide you with individual instruction and gentle correction as required.

You’ll watch and discuss films, go on excursions, prepare meals, sing songs, play games, enjoy cultural presentations, and make presentations of your own. And although no English is permitted, you can always take a little “time out” and just listen for a while if you feel the need to.



What level of ability is required?

We offer day-long programs for various levels, and weekend-long courses geared to intermediate and advanced speakers. In either case, you can expect to gain self-confidence, stronger listening skills, and, as instructor Arturo Hernández says, the increased motivation that comes from “really feeling the need to speak.” Enrollment is limited so that your instructors can focus their attention on your individual needs and interests.

Where are the courses held?

We are located on the beautiful mid-coast of Maine in Rockland, a town famous for its wide harbor, fleet of authentic windjammers, scenic lighthouse and breakwater, small art galleries, and Farnsworth Art



Museum. Our home base is the William Pitts House, a large Victorian built in the heyday of Rockland’s limestone, granite, and shipping industries. Not only do the programs take place here, but lodging is also provided in the house. Shops, restaurants, and a movie theater are all a short walk away.

We also hold some of our programs at woodland camps, where the natural surroundings provide an added dimension to the activities. Lodging for these weekends is in rustic cabins.

Boating, swimming, fishing, golf, tennis, and shore and forest walks can all be found near Rockland. The area is also home to such other cultural and educational institutions as the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School, the Maine Photographic Workshops, and the Owls Head Transportation Museum.

When are the courses scheduled?

Immersion programs run through the autumn, winter, and spring. Please see the schedule of upcoming courses in this brochure. Unless otherwise indicated, day-long courses are held on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and include lunch. Weekend courses run from 5 p.m. Friday through 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Special immersion programs in French are also scheduled every year in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and in Guadeloupe, French West Indies. Custom courses can also be arranged for groups. Please call to discuss the details.

How do I sign up?

Please contact us at Penobscot School. The coordinator of the course in which you’re interested will then get in touch with you to explain the registration procedure and send you a registration form. Upon our receipt of your deposit and completed registration form, a packet of information, including directions on how to get here, will be mailed to you.

The course fee includes tuition, lodging at the Center (for all but day-long courses), meals, and materials. Payment in advance is required in order for us to hold a place for you. You may pay in person, by mail, or by telephone using Visa or MasterCard.

The registration deadline is one week before the start of the course; participants are admitted after the deadline only at the discretion of the instructor. If you must cancel, your payment will be refunded, minus a \$20 administration fee, provided we receive notification at least one week prior to the course starting date.



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Penobscot School, a non-profit center for language learning and international exchange, welcomes participation from people of all nations, ages, races, and economic, social, and cultural backgrounds.