

The Accelerated Language Programs (ALPs) at Dartmouth College

College Credit through *Fairfield University* for:

**Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese, French, German, Italian,
Japanese, Russian, and Spanish**

Two sessions:

Brazilian Portuguese,* English as a Second Language (ESL),**
Spanish: **June 21-July 1, 2017 (Session I)**

Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian:
July 4-13, 2017 (Session II)

Exam dates, Session I: June 29-July 6, 2017; Session II: July 11-18.

Please inquire about course credit before May 12, 2017.

Fairfield University is offering three (3) undergraduate credits for courses taken in the Accelerated Language Programs (ALPs) in *Brazilian Portuguese for Speakers of Romance Languages, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish in cooperation with The Rassias Center for World Languages and Cultures at Dartmouth College. The 10-day ALPs sessions will be held in June and July on the Dartmouth College campus in Hanover, NH. **English as a Second Language (ESL) is also offered at ALPs, but only on a non-credit basis as it is not currently offered at Fairfield University. The college credit option is offered **as a convenience to ALPs participants and is not required for enrolling in the ALPs program**. The ALPs credit program is based on an Independent Study with a Fairfield University faculty member working in conjunction with the instructional staff at ALPs in Hanover, NH. The credit contact deadline is Thurs., June 1, 2017. See pricing near bottom.

Over the past thirty-five summers, thousands of adult students of nearly all ages have taken the Accelerated Language Program courses designed by the late John A. Rassias, the celebrated language professor and creator of the highly dynamic Rassias Method[®] of teaching. These "crash" courses integrate music, socializing at meals and cultural activities into the curriculum. Alumni of the ALPs include business executives, teachers, entire families about to embark on trips abroad, college students and Hollywood actors, among others.

CLASS ORGANIZATION

ALPs master teachers apply a dynamic, experiential, and team-teaching approach to the pursuit of foreign languages. Master classes typically range in size from 5 to 20 students, and their teachers are Rassias Method® experts recruited from schools around the country and abroad. The complementary, small-group oral practice classes are limited to eight students or fewer. Skilled assistant teachers (ATs) who are usually undergraduate or graduate students lead these “drill classes.” They are full partners working closely with the master teachers, who are college-level instructors. The combination of master classes, drill classes and extramural activities helps to hold everyone's attention and form a group spirit that enables students to learn a great deal in so short a period of time. There are over 65 contact hours eligible for credit, including tutorials, whereas a typical three-credit college course would offer about 45 contact hours. ALPs courses excel in actualizing "forgotten" language skills!

CREDIT REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Students seeking credit must first be placed to ensure eligibility, usually by telephone interview with one of our faculty. The credit “layer” is organizationally separate from the ALPs program but coordinated to fit its schedule and curriculum. See Registration Information below. Please contact the Coordinator at Fairfield University as early as possible, preferably before May 12th but no later than **June 1, 2017**. See the contact information near the bottom of this website. We reserve the right not to register students for any courses for which a Fairfield University credit mentor/examiner cannot be secured.

Chinese is beginning level only, normally equating to Fairfield University’s first level, “Chinese Elementary I” level. Students with previous credit for a first-semester course should notify the Coordinator so that possible placement in “Elementary II” can be evaluated. Unless otherwise specified by level, other ALPs languages are offered from absolute beginner through approximately fifth-semester college levels, assuming adequate enrollments.

PLACEMENT

To determine eligibility for credit, interested students must contact the Coordinator to arrange a telephone interview with a Fairfield faculty member prior to registration at Fairfield University. Placement and eligibility for credit require individual advising and must be determined by the morning of June 2, 2017. Students who, for some external reason, must receive credit in order to take ALPs should arrange for Fairfield University advising by the Coordinator and a placement interview prior to paying any non-refundable registration fees to the Rassias Center at Dartmouth College.

Click on the following link for an informal guide to [self-placement](#).

UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT and EXAMS

All Fairfield University language courses for ALPs are now three (3) credits.

Fairfield University undergraduate credit can be earned in courses ranging from absolute beginner through relatively advanced conversation for eligible languages, approximately 5th semester in a college sequence. Only beginner-level (Elementary I or II) courses for credit are

normally available in Chinese. All students enrolled for credit will have a final oral and written examination to assess their proficiency and achievement levels during the last three days of the program or within five days following its conclusion by arrangement with the Fairfield University examiner for that language. The examination period in 2017 for Session I (Brazilian Portuguese and Spanish) is June 29-July 6, 2017. All Brazilian Portuguese and Spanish exams must be taken within these inclusive dates. The examination period in 2017 for Session II (all other languages) is July 11-18. All exams in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese or Russian must be taken within these inclusive dates.

Exams may be taken on-site at the Rassias Center in collaboration with the Center's staff or in person at Fairfield University, as arranged by the student with Fairfield University's faculty credit mentor/examiner and/or the program Coordinator (see below).

For descriptions of Fairfield University language courses, please see: <http://catalog.fairfield.edu/fairfield/ug16/colleges/thecollegeofartsandsciences/modernlanguagesliteratures/>. Normally, courses at the 100 level and early 200 level are eligible for credit at ALPs. For specific descriptions of ALPs credit course expectations and procedures, please contact the ALPs credit Coordinator (see below).

Since institutions of higher education have varying language placement policies and requirements, students seeking to apply Fairfield University credits elsewhere are strongly urged to determine those conditions prior to registration for ALPs as we cannot be responsible for outside uses of Fairfield University credits. Usually, such information can be obtained from the Registrar's Office or the language department Chairperson's Office of that particular institution.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Because of the amount of advising that credit students require, we recommend that interested students inquire about credit before May 12, 2017. The deadline for registration is 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017.

There are two separate registrations: one with Dartmouth College's Rassias Center, the other with Fairfield University. Students must be preregistered with The Rassias Center at Dartmouth College (contact information below) before registering for credit with Fairfield University. Students requiring credit may want to postpone paying any Rassias Center non-refundable fees until they have received confirmation of credit availability by Fairfield University, so please start your planning process well in advance of deadlines. The Rassias Center requires payment by May 6, 2017, so as to help assure that a language program will run, but note: "There is no official enrollment deadline for languages in which space is available."

Fairfield U. registration: Eligibility for course registration must be confirmed by the Fairfield program Coordinator. Once approved, students must complete registration for Fairfield University ALPs credit by the June 2nd deadline. Course credit availability may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, so please register as early as possible. We recommend doing so before May 12th. A final decision on the availability of Fairfield University credit for all

ALPs programs will be made no later than Monday, June 5, 2017. A credit program may be cancelled by that date. Please plan any travel arrangements accordingly.

Connecticut CEUs, Massachusetts PDPs for teachers, etc., in lieu of credits are not currently available for ALPs.

TESTING

Oral and written testing for credit with the Fairfield University faculty member will take place in person either on the Dartmouth College campus or at Fairfield University by mutual agreement. Written examinations not taken in person with the Fairfield faculty member will be proctored on the Dartmouth College campus. Oral examinations take place with the faculty member either in person or by proctored telephone conversation or other technology-mediated means. See above under “Undergraduate Credit and Exams” for the examination dates.

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY CREDIT FEES

Credit for all levels (1st – 5th semester):\$2,175 (3 credits)

Registration Fee (non-refundable):\$30

Students may pay for these credit and registration fees with cash, a check or with Mastercard, VISA or American Express. The Coordinator will provide contact information for registration. Please note that students pay Program Fees separately to The Rassias Center to secure a place in the appropriate language program. See below for contact information.

The Rassias Center for World Languages and Cultures at DARTMOUTH COLLEGE Program Fees, payable to Dartmouth College:

\$300 - enrollment fee, non-refundable unless the program is cancelled by the Rassias Center.

\$2,700 - includes: instruction, text, tutoring, most meals, instructional and material fees, and cultural events. See the ALPs registration link immediately below for information on the optional dormitory package in air-conditioned housing.

Dormitory housing and parking are available for a fee. Please see the Rassias Center ALPs website at: <http://rassias.dartmouth.edu/programs/fees.html>.

*Contact The Rassias Center to reserve your space. For more information or to enroll, see <http://rassias.dartmouth.edu/programs/fees.html> or call The Rassias Center's *ALPs* office at Dartmouth College: (603) 646-3583. Alternatively, e-mail rassias.center@dartmouth.edu. FAX: 603-646-2240.*

Be sure to check on the availability of space in a Rassias Center ALPs program before requesting a Fairfield University placement interview. Full payment of program fees for the Rassias Center is due by May 6th. See the [fees.html](#) link above.

TOTAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM COSTS:

Total academic cost with meals for a **three-credit course is \$5,205**: \$2,175 (Fairfield U. credit fee) + \$30 (Fairfield U. registration fee) + \$3,000 (standard Rassias Center Student Program & Enrollment Fees). Dormitory room and parking are additional.

ALPs programs may be cancelled by the Rassias Center by May 13th if minimum enrollments are not met. A full refund of Rassias Center fees would then be made. Please check with the RC before registering with Fairfield University for credit. Rassias Center scholarship information is available at <http://rassias.dartmouth.edu/programs/scholarships.html>.

All credit students taking an additional three-credit ALPs course in the same summer pay only one Fairfield University and one Rassias Center registration fee.

For more information about academic credit, contact:

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