

## *The Weekend Immersion Program (WIP)*



Greetings to all our WIP alumni and friends! As a professor at Fairfield University and as the academic director of the WIPs, I am happy to welcome you to this program in partnership with the Rassias Center for World Languages and Cultures at Dartmouth College. Professor John Rassias, president of the Rassias Center, joins me in wishing you every success here at the Fairfield University WIP.

The Rassias Method® was developed for training Peace Corps volunteers in the early 1960s and later adapted to college-level instruction. This approach is a combination of dramatic techniques, rhythmic drills, and energetic reinforcement strategies that make learning an engaging experience while significantly reducing the learner's self-consciousness and fear of making mistakes.

Your language learning will thrive on the good humor and energy of the Rassias Method. If you want to reinforce and improve your language skills but have limited time, the WIP is the perfect program for you! In just three days you will learn more and noticeably improve your ability to speak the language.

The upcoming WIP will take place on the Fairfield University campus. We hope to see you here for many WIPs to come!

— Joel Goldfield, Ph.D.

### **About the Rassias Method**

*"To Rassias, language is ritual celebration, a momentous, living theatre. He knows that emotion and rhythm and movement make people remember things."* -Linnell Smith, *The Baltimore Sun*

The aim of the Rassias Method is to make the student feel comfortable and natural with the language in as short a time as possible. This is achieved through a series of specific teaching procedures, techniques, and tools that:

- Create and maintain a dynamic classroom pace and atmosphere, thus capturing student attention.
- Provide for unusually high student involvement in the use of the language (an average student response rate is 65 times per hour).
- Foster spontaneity of expression and creative use of the language, even in the earliest weeks of training.
- Help learners overcome their natural self-consciousness and fear of mistakes.
- Emphasize the relevance of the language to the student's own life and experience.

### **Program Details Language Levels**

Advanced beginner, low through high intermediate. Phone interview required. Interviews will be conducted within a week of registration. Confirmation of student participation sent one week prior to program commencement.

### **Meals**

Lunches with staff are part of the program and are included in the cost. Breakfast and dinner are at the student's expense. Transportation is not provided to these meals.

### **Lodging**

Participants may stay at the Best Western Black Rock Inn (203) 659-2200 or (866) 922-ROCK, or the Fairfield Inn (203) 255-0491, both located five minutes' drive from campus. Additional rooms can be found at the Westport Inn (203) 259-5236 and the Inn at Longshore (203) 266-3316.

## Airport Information

The most convenient airports to Fairfield University are Westchester/White Plains Airport, LaGuardia Airport, and Bradley International. JFK International and Newark Airports, not much farther away, also have convenient public transportation to Fairfield, Conn.

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition is \$535 and is due upon registration. Full payment is due 10 days prior to class.

## Refund

A 50% tuition refund will be issued if you cancel prior to program commencement.

**Registration deadline: March 31, 2010.**

**Register early to reserve your spot.**

## Discount Policy

If two members of a family or business attend, the second person gets a 10% discount. If three or more attend, each person receives a 10% discount. One discount per person.

## Cancellation Policy

Rassias Foundation and Fairfield University reserve the right to cancel classes. A full refund would be issued.

## Sample Schedule\*

### Friday

Noon to 1:30 p.m.....Orientation and lunch

1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.....Class with breaks

### Saturday

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.....Class with breaks

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.....Lunch with staff

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.....Class with breaks

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.....Drill and cultural event

### Sunday

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.....Class with breaks

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.....Lunch with staff

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.....Class

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.....Graduation

*\*Schedule subject to change*

Visit **[www.fairfield.edu/wips](http://www.fairfield.edu/wips)** or call University College at **(203) 254-4110** for additional information.

## Registration Form

**Weekend Immersion Program Fairfield University - Fairfield, Conn.**

**Program date: April 23 – 25, 2010**

**Registration deadline: March 31, 2009**

**Please circle language and approximate level:**

Arabic

French

Italian

Spanish

Brazilian

Portuguese

Advanced Beginner

Intermediate Low

Intermediate High

Thank you for your interest in the WIP! This form must be submitted with the \$100 non-refundable registration fee.

**Please mail to:**

Fairfield University

University College  
1073 North Benson Rd.  
Fairfield, CT 06824-5195

*Please print clearly.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you participated in the ALPS program at Dartmouth College? Yes No

Payment method: *(check one)*

Check   Money Order   Visa   MasterCard

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