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## TITLE VI CENTERS

The University of Wisconsin–Madison is home to eight prestigious **National Resource Centers (NRCs)**.

- *African Studies Program*
- *Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program*
- *Institute for Regional and International Studies*
- *Center for East Asian Studies*
- *Center for European Studies*
- *Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia*
- *Center for South Asia*
- *Center for Southeast Asian Studies*

NRCs are critical to maintaining international engagement, leadership, and scholarship for the U.S. UW NRCs:

- Support regional and international teaching across campus. Affiliated faculty come from 70+ departments, including business, global health, and agriculture.
- Conduct research on global studies, world regions, and less commonly taught languages.
- Engage Wisconsin teachers and students through training programs and outreach activities.
- Collaborate on intensive summer language institutes, which serve a national audience of learners.

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# Title VI at UW–Madison

## OVERVIEW

HEA-Title VI and Fulbright Hays are the foundation for international education in the United States, building competencies critical to our national security, economic competitiveness, and global engagement.

With support of Title VI funding, the University of Wisconsin–Madison has trained close to 6,000 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) fellows, has awarded over 5,000 degrees and certificates through UW NRCs, and teaches up to 40 languages each semester. These activities, which produce new generations of foreign area and strategic language experts, are essential to U.S. security and competitiveness.

With a modest, annual investment of less than \$4 million at the UW, the university has created an unrivaled training system that produces linguistically and culturally proficient graduates to meet national needs.

## VALUABLE JOB SKILLS ACROSS SECTORS

Individuals trained in languages and international issues fulfill important roles in the military, government, and private sector. UW NRC alumni leverage skills to work internationally or with foreign clients or collaborators. Many alumni obtained their current job because of language skills and regularly use these skills in their work.

## SECURITY AND DIPLOMACY

- Title VI funding creates and sustains the language and culture learning architecture on which other programs build to provide the nation with a language-enabled, culturally knowledgeable corps.
- Title VI helps support the Wisconsin Intensive Summer Language Institutes (WISLI), which provide instruction in over 20 less commonly taught languages—many of which are considered critical to U.S. national interests.
- With support from Title VI funding, NRCs create opportunities for exchange between individuals representing the campus, state, and nation, developing lasting connections and grounds for future cooperation.

## STATEWIDE ACTIVITY AND ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The 2023 **Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTL) Career Fair** featured **experts from the government, private sector, and military** who shared strategies for building multilingual professional lives with more than 200 language learners.

A total of **180 students enrolled in the Wisconsin Intensive Summer Language Institutes in 2023**, receiving instruction in 23 less commonly languages, with 28% of these students supported by FLAS fellowships.

The African Studies Program supported the **teaching of 16 priority African languages identified by the U.S. government as areas of national need** in the Multilanguage Seminar.

The Children’s African Story Hour program has shared award-winning children’s literature that celebrates the diversity of the African continent with **over 1,000 children across Wisconsin**.

The Center for East Asian Studies has **sponsored 226 events since 2020, reaching more than 16,000 attendees from Wisconsin and beyond**. Topics covered include U.S.–China Relations, U.S.–ROK Alliance, and Tensions in the Taiwan Straits.

The East Asia in Wisconsin Library Program has **dispersed 100 awards to 72 individual libraries in 15 public library systems across the state since 2020**, enriching understanding of East Asia in local communities.

Since 2011, the Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia has hosted the Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute, which is the **only domestic opportunity for intensive Kazakh, Tajik, or Uyghur** language study.

The Center for South Asia has hosted the Annual Conference on South Asia since 1970. The largest conference on South Asian studies globally, the ACSA **attracts 1,200 attendees each year**, including K-12 educators, members of the public, scholars, as well as non-profit and government stakeholders.

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies has **launched a 4-year initiative to aid Madison Area Technical College** in creating a Hmong Studies curriculum that will strengthen MATC’s engagement with Hmong–American students and its Southeast Asia offerings.

IRIS NRC created the **Global Libraries Grant to support K-12 student engagement** with internationally themed texts. Libraries select up to 30 titles on themes such as migration, human rights, global health, climate, and global Islam.

The UW–Madison and UW–Milwaukee consorital Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Center cosponsored multiple summer K–16 teacher institutes with a geographic or thematic focus. Approximately **225 educators from 36 states** participated in the three institutes.

### 2022–2023 program participants and beneficiaries hailed from across Wisconsin

Amery, Appleton, Ashwaubenon, Baraboo, Barneveld, Bayfield, Beloit, Brookfield, Brussels, Colby, Columbus, Cumberland, Cuba City, Deerfield, DeForest, Edgar, Florence, Fond du Lac, Fort Atkinson, Glendale, Green Bay, Green Lake, Greenfield, Hudson, Janesville, Kettle Moraine, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Lake Mills, Madison, Marshfield, McFarland, Middleton, Milwaukee, Mishicot, Necedah, Nicolet, Oconomowoc, Oregon, Oshkosh, Oostburg, Pardeeville, Phillips, Pittsville, Plymouth, Pulaski, Racine, Sheboygan, Shorewood, Sun Prairie, Superior, Verona, Washburn, Waterford, Waukesha, Waunakee, Wausau, Wauwatosa, West Bend, Whitefish Bay, and Whitewater.