Department of Foreign Languages

Completed Events

Arabic. Four Arabic SAP completed their ninth week of classes at al-Akhwayn University (AUI) in Ifrane, Morocco.

In this photo: Cadet Cantrell, tutoring a student in English at the Dar al-Aman orphanage outside of Ifrane.

Cadet Zach Taylor returned from Winter Break to his ninth week of classes at the Center for International Learning in Muscat, Oman.

Four Arabic cadets returned from Winter Break leave in Haifa Israel and Jerusalem to complete their ninth week of classes at Al Qasid University in Amman Jordan.
In this photo: Cadet Luke Schumacher observes an Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) enlistment ceremony occurring in front of the Wailing Wall in Israel.

**French.** SAP cadets are currently in classes at their respective universities; eight at St. Cyr, two at Université Catholique de Lyon, and two at Université Catholique de Lille.

**German.** German SAP cadets continue their immersion experiences at their academic institutions in Hamburg and Munich, Germany, and Wiener-Neustadt, Austria.

On 6-7 November, CAPT Moller hosted German Army Captain Martin Wolske for a visit with the German Army Cadet-Lieutenants regarding their semester exchange at USMA. CPT Wolske is the equivalent of a USCC TAC Officer.

From 07-09 NOV, COL Gagnon and LTC Fidorra will host German Army COL Frans-Josef Dirksen, the Senior Liaison Officer, HQ TRADOC, and Chief German Liaison Organization USA, Washington, D.C. COL Dirksen’s visit represents the continuing partnership of Germany and the United States and the importance the German government places on maintaining a German Liaison to the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy—a position manned and maintained since 1965.

**Russian:** Russian SAP cadets in Odessa, Ukraine completed their eighth week of study at the Odessa Language Study Centre.

Russian SAP cadets in Voronezh, Russia, completed their ninth week of study at Voronezh State University.

The Department of Foreign Languages will host Dr. Boris Briker, Russian researcher and professor at Villanova University at a future time to be determined soon. The original date of Thursday, 1 November was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. Professor Briker has published numerous studies on Russian 20th century satirical writers, including Mikhail Bulgakov, Ilf and Petrov, and Vasily Aksenov. The topic for this talk is from a forthcoming book, *Russian Satire and the Soviet State –1918-1940*. A native of Chernovtsy, Ukraine, DR Briker has a Ph.D. in Russian Literature from University of Alberta. He teaches Russian literature, language and culture and coordinates the Russian Program in the Global Studies at Villanova University.

The Department of Foreign Languages hosted “Belle Nuit”, an operatic gala concert featuring celebrated soprano Olga Makarina and accompanied on the piano by Albert Stanziano on Thursday, 1 November at Eisenhower Hall. Soprano Olga Makarina is an internationally renowned singer who has performed a number of roles with the Metropolitan Opera and has often appeared on stages in the USA and Europe, as well as on radio and television.
In this photo: COL Rickie McPeak, Department Head and COL Gregory Ebner, Deputy Department Head with cadets in attendance at the DFL sponsored concert featuring celebrated Opera singer Olga Makarina and pianist Albert Stanziano.