Department of Foreign Languages

Completed Events

**Arabic.** Four Arabic SAP cadets are in their fourth week of classes al-Akhwayn University (AUI) in Ifrane, Morocco. For a cultural excursion during the upcoming weekend, cadets will visit the ruins at Volubilis near Meknes and Fez.

Four Arabic SAP cadets are in their fourth week of classes at al-Qasid Institute in Amman, Jordan.

Two Arabic SAP cadets are in their second week of classes at Center for International Learning in Muscat, Oman.

![In this photo: Cadet Rob Hurd (third from right, rear row, leaning forward) attends a lecture at Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco.](image)

**Chinese:** The Chinese section hosted a Chinese New Year – Year of the Snake luncheon for DFL staff, faculty and family members on Monday, 11 February in the DFL administrative offices.

**French:** Three French cadets are in their second week of classes at Université Catholique de Lille. CDT Andrew Scott helps his French family host a dinner party each week. As an essential element of the culture, “la table” is a great venue for immersing oneself in the French culture. CDT Rebecca Tummers helped see her host father, MAJ Pierre Seignez, off on deployment, as he departed for operations in Mali this week. She has also started a student running group at the university.
CDT Katherine Rutherford is currently in Paris and is staying with a French army family in Versailles while studying at Ecole des Mines. She started classes this week.

CDTs Christina Plumley and Davis Caskey started classes at Université Catholique de Lyon. They have learned their daily routines of travel to and from class and have settled in with their host families.

French DCA events. The semester club calendar is published below. On 11 February, the club presented the film, La Faute à Fidel, about a girl in a French communist family in the 1970’s.

### French Club Calendar - Spring 2013

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In this photo: 13-2 French Club Schedule of Events

In this photo: French film about 1970s France and a communist family
Next week, the French club travels to Québec City and will visit the 2e Bataillon du Royal 22e Régiment at the Citidelle along the St. Laurence River. Cadets will help celebrate the end of Carnaval, the largest winter festival in the world.

**Portuguese:** Four Portuguese SAP cadets (Cadets Niki Boyda, Alexander Carrier, Gabrielle Mangru and Jacob Shevitz) are currently in their second week of classes at the Pontificate Catholic University of São Paulo.

**Russian.** Five Russian SAP cadets are currently in their third week of classes at Voronezh State University in Voronezh, Russia. In addition to their daily classes, the cadets recently went cross country skiing at a local Olympic training center and attended a Russian Orthodox mass.

After completing preparatory language courses in Washington, D.C., three cadets depart this weekend for an immersion at the NovaMova International Language School in Kyiv, Ukraine.

The International Cadet Firsties had a cohesion lunch at the West Point Club on 31 January. The International Firsties had the opportunity to gather together as a group and share what awaits them post-Graduation. Some are even planning a reunion at the World Cup in Brazil in 2014. The International Cadet Plebes are planning a cohesion lunch at the West Point Club on 20 February.

In this photo: International Cadet Firsties at a cohesion lunch at the West Point club.
From 19-22 February, DFL will host its 9th Annual Samuel G. Saldívar and Sheila R. Ackerlind Mentorship Colloquium - each day from 1250-1345 in WH5002 (DFL Conference Room). The DFL Mentorship Colloquium was created to encourage the academic research of new scholars in the DFL, to cultivate mentoring relationships between senior and rotating faculty as well as to provide a forum for a mutual sharing of ideas. The Colloquium also provides DFL faculty the opportunity to develop and polish new works in preparation for professional conferences and publication. For more information please contact Dr. Enslen at x0044.

**Department of Foreign Languages 9th Annual Samuel G. Saldívar and Sheila R. Ackerlind Mentorship Colloquium**

**Tuesday, 19 Feb**
Drs. Jeff Watson and Rick Wolfel, “The Interface of Language & Culture during Study Abroad”
COL Gregory Ebner, “Correlation between Learner and Instructor Views on Language Learning Strategies”

**Wednesday, 20 Feb**
Dr. Jen Steigman, “A Cross-Disciplinary View of La Florida del Inca”
MAJ Vijay Gallardo, “Teaching Portuguese Grammar to Spanish Speakers: Recognizing Grammatical Differences for Use by Students in Accelerated Portuguese Courses”

**Thursday, 21 Feb**
COL Rickie McPeak, “Virtuous Violence”
LTC Carlos Cinelli, “The Aftermath of Brazil in the Fight against Rural Guerrillas in the 1970’s: Consequences for Laws of War in the Brazilian Armed Forces”

**Friday, 22 Feb**
Dr. Julia Prado, “Tradition and Modernity: Coexistence, Conflict, and Conciliation in the Post-colonial Imaginings of Francophone Africa”
Dr. Anita DeMelo, “Towards a Critical Study of Human and Non-Human Relations in Lusophone Literature”

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