

# BALKANS ABROAD

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## STUDY ABROAD IN THE BALKANS

- ✓ **DEVELOP** advanced language and intercultural skills
- ✓ **EXCEL** in small classes taught by expert faculty
- ✓ **EARN** U.S. academic credit

# Balkan Language Initiative

Offering individualized language instruction, the Balkan Language Initiative provides participants unique immersion opportunities in 6 countries of Southeast Europe.

## ACADEMICS

Participants receive 15 - 18 hours per week of in-class instruction, designed to strengthen speaking, listening, reading, and writing proficiency. Language courses also cover topics in literature, history, politics, culture, mass media, and area studies. All courses are taught in the target language by expert faculty; participants earn U.S. academic credit through Bryn Mawr College.

## ELIGIBILITY

**Graduate students, undergraduates, scholars, and working professionals.** Must be 18 to apply.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

American Councils provides pre-departure and in-country orientations for participants

plus staff, local infrastructure, and around-the-clock emergency support. Additionally, participants receive comprehensive insurance coverage for the duration of the program.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **February 15** for Summer program
- **March 15** for Fall & Academic Year
- **October 15** for Spring semester

## APPLY TODAY

Applications and complete program information are available via:

➔ [www.acStudyAbroad.org/bli](http://www.acStudyAbroad.org/bli)

## QUESTIONS?

✉ [outbound@americancouncils.org](mailto:outbound@americancouncils.org)

Start your journey today.

## PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

- ❑ **PROGRAM FOCUS:** Intensive language instruction; area studies
- ❑ **PREREQUISITE:** 2 semesters of the target or related language (must be 18)
- ❑ **LANGUAGES & LOCATIONS:** Albanian in Tirana; Bosnian in Sarajevo; Bulgarian in Sofia; Macedonian in Skopje; Serbian in Belgrade and Podgorica
- ❑ **PROGRAM TERMS:** Fall, Spring, Academic Year, Summer
- ❑ **HOUSING/MEALS:** Homestay with private room; host family provides 2 meals/day
- ❑ **KEY FEATURES:** Excursions, peer tutors, around-the-clock emergency support