The Partner Language Training Center, Europe (PLTCE) offers intermediate, advanced and specialized classroom instruction in 11 languages and dialects for U.S. and NATO/PfP military and civilian linguists. The language center has a staff of 30 consisting of U.S. military, U.S. civilians, German local national civilians, and a unique contracted international faculty.

The center’s staff works to meet special foreign language education needs as they are requested. Don’t hesitate to contact the center staff for more information on scheduling language training in languages not listed.

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Through its **Strategic Languages Department**, the center provides enhancement and specialized foreign language training to U.S. and NATO/Partnership for Peace military and civilian linguists. The department is a dynamic organization that provides the best possible foreign language education to a variety of customers, both within the framework of listed courses and in response to special requirements. If a unit needs a special language course, PLTCE may be able to accommodate that need.

**The following programs are available:**

- Five-week language enhancement courses in Arabic, French, Pashto, Persian-Farsi, Russian, Hausa and Swahili.
- Five-week introductory and familiarization courses in French, Hausa, Pashto and Swahili.
- Five-week familiarization course in Egyptian, Moroccan or Sudanese dialects.
- The center is uniquely able to create and present specialized language courses on demand to provide linguists with skills to meet operational requirements.
- Arms control courses in partnership with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency to include Consecutive Interpretation Techniques (Russian/English), Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty language and terminology (Russian/English), and Open Skies Treaty Terminology (Russian/English).

The **English/German as a Foreign Language Department** provides specific training in operational English language skills to NATO/Partnership for Peace military and civilian personnel.

**The following programs are available:**

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**The Facilities**

PLTCE is part of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, about 95 kilometers south of Munich, Germany. Classrooms are located in three separate buildings. Student lodging includes 52 rooms with 66 bed spaces, with single and double rooms and centrally-located communal bathroom facilities. Most single rooms include a basic sink and mirror. All rooms have a television, DVD recorder and a small refrigerator. Laundry rooms are available with irons, ironing boards and vacuum cleaners. All electrical outlets are 220V.

**How to Apply**

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