

Class Schedule 2016–2017

Our classes begin in September and end in May. We follow the Minneapolis Public Schools holiday/release calendar and other release days specific to each school. Days, times & start dates are subject to minor modification.

New this year: We have added a 3-times-per-week option at all locations. Look for the “Plus” designation below!

School	Times	Start
Armatage		
TTh	2:00–3:00 PM	9/27
TTh&F (Plus)	2:00–3:00 PM	9/27
Burroughs		
MW	3:40–4:40 PM	9/19
MW&F (Plus)	3:40–4:40 PM	9/19
Hale		
TTh	2:00–3:00 PM	9/22
TTh&F (Plus)	2:00–3:00 PM	9/22
Kenwood		
MW	2:00–3:00 PM	9/26
MW&F (Plus)	2:00–3:00 PM	9/26
Lake Harriet Lower Campus — Before School		
TTh	8:25–9:25 AM	9/20
MW	8:25–9:25 AM	9/21
MW&F (Plus)	8:25–9:25 AM	9/21
MW&F (Plus*)	8:25–9:25 AM	9/21
Lake Harriet Lower Campus — After School		
TTh	3:55–4:55 PM	9/20
TTh&F (Plus)	3:55–4:55 PM	9/20
Lake Harriet Upper Campus		
MW	8:25–9:25 AM	9/19
MW&F (Plus)	8:25–9:25 AM	9/19

There are no AM/PM activity buses available at these locations. Parents are responsible for drop-off before school or pick-up after school.



Tuition & Payments

\$150 deposit with registration, plus 4 installments due on the 21st of each month, October to January:

- \$720 for classes that meet 2 times per week: 3 payments of \$145 and a 4th payment of \$135
- \$1,030 for classes that meet 3 times per week: 4 monthly payments of \$220

We offer a \$25 discount from our full tuition for each additional sibling. Materials fees are determined once groups are formed and are due with the first installment.

Scholarships

A limited number of needs-based scholarships are available if your family qualifies for free or reduced lunches as determined by your 2016–2017 Application for Educational Benefits. Siblings will be offered discounted tuition based on family needs.

First Class & Parent Orientation

Instructions for the first day of class including teacher & room assignments, materials, and the time and location of the 30-minute parent orientation will be sent via email approximately one week before the first class meeting.

Registration & Refund Policy

A \$150 deposit is required to register and attend class. Your child may attend up to 8 consecutive classes, and if you decide our program isn't a good fit by then, you may withdraw and pay only the deposit. After the 8th class meeting, we issue refunds at our discretion. To withdraw your child, you must notify us in writing by 11:59 PM on or before the day of the 8th class. Payments are fully refundable for classes cancelled due to low enrollment.

Communication

We conduct all of our communication with you via email. Please add us to your email safe list and inform us immediately of any changes.

Registration & Program Information

Please visit our website: www.ulanguage.com

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Before & After School

Armatage, Burroughs,
Hale, Kenwood,
Lake Harriet Lower & Upper

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Learning to Speak Spanish Is a Great Idea!

Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, with over 300 million speakers in 44 countries. In the United States, 28 million people speak Spanish at home, making us the fifth largest Spanish-speaking nation in the world.

Learning a second language at a young age enhances a child's overall language skills and produces life-long benefits. Children who study a foreign language:

- ❖ Increase their mental flexibility & creativity
- ❖ Transfer skills used between their first and second languages
- ❖ Improve their understanding of English
- ❖ Learn to understand, appreciate and respect diverse cultures



Let's Speak Spanish!

Welcome to **¡Hablemos Español!** the leading before- & after-school language enrichment program in the Twin Cities. We are a Minneapolis-based business offering language instruction for children and adults, translating, interpreting and proficiency testing services since 1985.

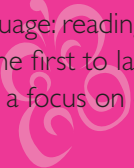
In the mid-1990s, we responded to the parent-led demand for high-quality foreign language instruction by developing **¡Hablemos Español!** We now provide a rich, meaningful language-learning experience for hundreds of students in many K–8 schools throughout the metropolitan area. We continue to offer language instruction to adult learners year-round in our Minneapolis classrooms.

University Language Center is an active participant in the *International Alliance for Learning* and the *Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures*.

Teaching Methods & Curriculum

We design our curriculum using the latest in language acquisition research and teaching methods. ULC specializes in *Accelerated Learning*, a method defined by a whole-mind, whole-body approach that engages all of the senses in the learning process. Children respond especially well to our classroom-tested dynamic activities that combine movement, music and art to boost language acquisition. Our students learn by doing — with outstanding results.

ULC provides all of the curriculum and materials for each course. The strength of our *Accelerated Learning* program is that it incorporates all four components of language: reading, writing, speaking and listening, from the first to last class. We organize our curriculum with a focus on communication



rather than structure, masterfully designing activities and materials that are age appropriate. For our young learners especially, we emphasize comprehension over speaking in the earliest stages of their language acquisition.

The “Immersion Classroom”

Children learn foreign languages best when their native language is not used for the instruction. Remember that a child develops comprehension skills in their first language long before they speak their first words. You may expect our teachers to use the target language as much as 95% of the time — using English on a very limited basis to support comprehension in the first few lessons. Children are extremely adaptable to this communication strategy and adjust in about 3 to 5 classes.

Our Teachers

Our professional commitment to excellence in language acquisition attracts the best and brightest educators from a worldwide pool of talent. Each of our instructors has the proficiency level of an educated native speaker; a bachelor's degree or higher in education or a related field, and has demonstrated effectiveness in working with children. For our dedicated staff, multicultural describes both the richness of experience gained from living abroad and their endeavors as artists, musicians and scholars. The talent they share is in nurturing the innate gift children have of learning a new language.

