

Balkan Language Initiative (BLI)

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## **Balkan Language Initiative (BLI)**

**Go Beyond Ordinary** and discover the cultural, linguistic, and geographic diversity of Southeast Europe. Improve your language skills and develop a unique insight into daily life in a region largely unserved by study abroad programs. Start your Balkan adventure and apply for BLI today!

#### PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

Languages offered:
Albanian in Tirana
Bosnian in Sarajevo
Bulgarian in Sofia
Macedonian in Skopje
Serbian in Belgrade or Podgorica

15 - 18 hours per week of **intensive coursework** in the target language covering topics in literature, history, politics, and regional studies

# Cultural activities and excursions

Housing and two meals per day provided by local **host families** 

**Pre-departure orientation** in Washington, DC and **in-country orientation** 

**Comprehensive** health, accident, and evacuation **insurance** 

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

2 semesters of the target language or a related language Minimum 2.7 GPA Age 18+ by application deadline

#### **TERMS & DEADLINES**

**Spring:** October 15

**Summer (8 weeks):** February 15 **Fall & Academic Year:** March 15

#### **FINANCES & CREDITS**

**Financial aid** from American Councils is available for BLI.

Participants earn **U.S. academic credit** in the target language and regional studies.

### APPLY TODAY

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#### QUESTIONS?

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