

Pathways to Becoming Global Professionals: From Immersion to Flagship

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Chinese Language Flagship Programs

- Language Flagship is an initiative of the National Security Language Initiative. The first Flagship programs were funded in 2002 to train undergraduate students to achieve professional proficiency in critical languages.
- There are 11 Chinese Flagship programs (ASU, BYU, Hunter, IU, UMiss, SFSU, UO, URI, WK, UMN, UHawaii).
- Three ROTC programs (ASU, UNG, and GT).
- Two K-12 Initiatives (Portland Public Schools/OU and Utah State DOE/BYU)

Characteristics of Flagship

- Proficiency-based teaching and learning
- Domestic and abroad training combined
- Individualized instruction
- Internships in a Chinese-speaking environment
- Content-based instruction
- Proficiency goal: ILR 3 or ACTFL Superior in 4 to 5 years

Results 2012 and Beyond

- Hundreds of Flagship graduates have achieved ILR 3.
- Flagship graduates now work in public and private sectors.
- Flagship programs have become rich resources for language instructors seeking information on assessment, teacher training, use of technology, advanced language training, and literacy development for college-level students.

How Immersion Education Can Contribute to the Flagship Effort (and Vice Versa)

- **Flagship students** can serve as role models for students in immersion programs.
- **Flagship students** can work as assistants, tutors, or future teachers in immersion programs.
- **Students in immersion programs** are ideal candidates for Flagship programs.
- **Students in immersion programs** know where they can continue their Chinese studies at the college level.

Contributions (2)

- Partnerships can be built between programs to make teaching and learning more effective.
- Programs can collaborate on projects (materials design, assessment, PD, use of technology, research, etc.).
- A pool of future teacher candidates can be developed, and Flagship students can be inspired to become teachers.

How can immersion and higher education be articulated through Flagship?

- Flagship has successfully raised the bar for foreign language learning: from novice to superior in college.
- Immersion programs will enable students to enter Flagship or college programs with advanced-low proficiency.
- As a result, more students in Flagship programs will graduate with solid superior-level proficiency, and more students in regular college programs will achieve advanced-high proficiency or higher.
- Immersion programs will push college programs to strengthen advanced-level instruction.

2011 Hunter Flagship Cohort



2012 Hunter Flagship Cohort



2013 Hunter Flagship Cohort



Questions? Comments?

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