Today’s global society relies on an understanding of language and culture

At ASU’s School of International Letters and Cultures (SILC), our mission is to help people engage with their world through the study, teaching, and research of the most fundamental building blocks of personal experience: Language and Culture. With this academic focus, we prepare people to participate in a global economy, serve humanity and create understanding across diverse cultures.

How you make a difference

An investment in our school supports our goal to educate students to be multilingual and globally informed citizens of today’s complex world.

Sustaining the School of International Letters and Cultures’ community outreach

Helping students experience the world through study abroad

Helping students succeed academically through scholarships

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Leading global impact and innovative solutions

The School of International Letters and Cultures offers a wide array of innovative and interdisciplinary study abroad programs. Participation in these programs enhances academic success and increases professional opportunities for a very large number of careers. In addition, learning about other parts of the world appeals to our sense of adventure, is profoundly inspiring and intellectually satisfying, and provides a broad knowledge base for lifelong learning.

Alumna combines Spanish with law

After studying abroad in 2012, Katherine Nelson, an alumna of the School of International Letters and Cultures, combined the language skills she developed with a law degree from ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law to be an advocate and make a positive impact in her community.

Student earns prestigious award

Fulbright scholarship is one of the most prestigious ways to study abroad, offering exceptional graduates a chance to spend a year researching, studying or teaching. Graduate Shannon Ditto has earned that honor and will continue her studies and translation work in France.

Home to international dual-degree

Through a new partnership between the School of International Letters and Cultures, Northeastern University in Shenyang, and Renmin University in Beijing, seven students from China will begin taking classes at ASU. When they're done, students from NEU will have earned a BA in English and a BA in Spanish from ASU; the students from Beijing will have a BA in Spanish from both institutions.