

THE CIOR LANGUAGE ACADEMY'S ADDED VALUE

The CIOR Language Academy is a unique program that offers many benefits beyond the obvious advantage of providing quality English and French instruction focusing on the NATO military lexicon. It immerses its students in intense English and French instruction which continues outside the classroom and into the social activities. The languages being instructed are also usually the only common language amongst the students, thus encouraging the maximum use of the learned language.

Besides developing the students' ability to work on deployed multinational operations, the ability to speak English or French is also undoubtedly an important asset whenever that Reservist is called to work outside his or her home country. The prevalence of these two languages throughout the world ensures that this additional language capability will benefit both the member and his service.

While the instructors showcase the professionalism, leadership, and teaching skills of their countries, the students learn from their instructors, but also from each other. While practicing their language skills, the students share their experiences, exposing them to knowledge from a diverse range of ranks and trades.

Both the students and the instructors benefit greatly from the opportunity to learn to interact and adapt to significant cultural differences while striving for common goals. The participants form ties of friendship, respect, and understanding which allows them to overcome previously held prejudices. This ability to achieve goals in international settings will prove invaluable as the program's graduates progress both within their militaries and their civililian employment.

The opportunity to participate in enjoyable, worthwhile and unique activities clearly provides Reservists with strong incentive to remain in uniform. There are few opportunities for this kind of enrichment in any organization. The graduates of the Language Academy are uniformly enthused about the program and are eager to exercise their new skills in an operational setting.

The benefits of participation in the CIOR Language Academy are considerable and are provided for an extremely reasonable cost. We are only able to achieve this with great support from our host nations and many hours of volunteer service from our personnel.

The staff of the Language Academy are justifiably proud of this program so please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information or inquiries.

Respectfully

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