

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Language Diversity in the USA

This 4-week Summer programme aims to enhance students' learning experiences with study in an international setting in Urbana-Champaign in Illinois in the United States. The students will be enrolled in the course titled "Language Diversity: USA" taught by a panel of experts from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, which was ranked 48 in Times Higher Education World rankings (2019). In addition to the learning experience, students will be given opportunities to learn about American culture and society, and to participate in socio-cultural activities around the college town of Urbana-Champaign and in nearby Chicago.

To achieve learning outcomes, students will be required to complete all the assessment tasks of the non-credit bearing course taken in the programme, write an individual reflective report, and produce a 5-min group video together with 10 photos highlighting their global learning experiences. Students will be encouraged to take a 3 credit unit elective course, *LT3399 LT Study Tour*, to be offered by LT during Summer semester, which will allow them to apply the knowledge they gained from the UGC Summer programme to study an academic topic related to their major programmes.

The structure of the programme is as follows. The course will meet two times a day, for two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. Rather than having only one instructor for this course, the lectures will be given by a number of different experts who will discuss issues of language diversity in relation to multiculturalism and education in the U.S. In addition to these lectures, students will engage in workshops about these same topics, and visit U.S. secondary school classrooms to see issues of language diversity play out in real-world contexts. Three of the class days will be allocated to cultural activities such as visiting museums and parks, and students will also have the option of a day trip to Chicago over one of the weekends. The estimated cost of the programme for students (assuming that 60% of the cost will be covered by the University) is around 16,000 HKD. This includes the programme fee, cultural activities (except for the optional trip to Chicago), accommodation and airfare.

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