



STARTALK: An Innovative Language Program in the US

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STARTALK is a federally funded, team-taught, intensive summer language program. It is administered by the National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland. STARTALK grants fund summer world language learning programs as well as professional development programs for world language teachers. STARTALK grants support programs for students and teachers of eight critical need languages: Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu. This talk will have two parts. First, it will introduce the STARTALK program and discuss its innovative language teaching methodology by focusing on the six “STARTALK Principles for Effective Teaching and Learning” and the “World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages.” Part two will examine the inaugural Arabic STARTALK program at Oxford College of Emory University in summer 2019. It will discuss how we structured the four-week program, and what activities we used inside and outside of the classroom that go along with the program theme of “Let’s Explore Moroccan Food.”