

Department of Foreign Languages

Completed Events

Arabic. Four Arabic SAP cadets completed registration and their first week of classes at Al Akhwayn University. Four Arabic SAP cadets arrived on Saturday, 25 August in Amman, Jordan and began registration for classes at Al Qasid University. The Arabic SAP cadet to Oman arrived safely in Muscat and began registration and classes at the Center for International Learning.

French. Twelve French SAP cadets arrived safely and on time to their final destinations in France. CDT's Stasia Rogacki and Christian Botero are settled in with respective host families and have each taken their language placement tests at l'Université Catholique de Lyon. They will know their class placement by 4 September and begin the same day. Max Smith and Kelley Lewis are in Lille to study at l'Université Catholique, and 8 more cadets have integrated with their respective companies at St. Cyr French Military Academy.



French SAP cadet Christian Botero puts his French to use moments after arriving in Paris en route to Lyon. He responds to a local survey in the train station.

The first of several planned opportunities to improve conversational language with native French speakers took place on 28 August 2012 in the mess hall with three francophone participants (Tunisia, Chad, and Gabon), eight American cadets and three faculty members. A follow on event is planned for the evening of 4 September in the DFL conference room to explore cultural differences between the United States and France or other French-speaking countries. These opportunities are made available to any cadets interested in French.

West Point will welcome seven French cadets from St. Cyr on 10 September 2012. They will conduct independent research associated with various academic departments, live with host American cadets, and travel within the United States for their research and for cultural immersion.

German. German SAP cadets departed on 26 August to both Austria and Germany. The four SAP Austria cadets were met at the airport by Austrian MAJ Lampersberger and will stay in the nation's capitol for three weeks of military language training and cultural orientation. Afterward they will deploy to the training area for a two-week exercise with fellow Austrian cadets. SAP Germany cadets traveled directly to Dresden for linguistic and professional military training at the German Army Officers School. These six cadets will remain at the Officers School until 17 September when they will travel to their respective German Universities in Hamburg and Munich.



German SAP cadets Chris Smith, David Twitchell, Austine Scales, Steven Grim, and Karl Crist pose in front of the historic Frauenkirche in Dresden.

Liaison to the Superintendent, LTC Fidorra, will host retired German Army Chief of Staff, LTG Hans-Otto Budde and his wife Ms. Gesina Budde. LTG Budde (ret.) will receive briefings and tours of the cadet academic, physical and extracurricular activities and areas. The party will arrive on Sunday, 9 September and depart on 11 September. COL Gagnon and LTC Fidorra will act as escort officers for the visit.

Russian. On 30 Aug four West Point cadets traveled to Voronezh, Russia, to spend a semester at Voronezh State University studying Russian language. While in Voronezh the cadets will live with Russian host families and gain other valuable first-hand experience of the Russian culture. These programs are designed to be complete immersion experiences, with the cadets having to speak Russian both inside and outside of the classroom.