

# Foreign Language Newsletter



## ¡Bienvenidos! Bienvenue!

Welcome to our first Foreign Language Newsletter!

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We decided to create this first Foreign Language newsletter to keep you all in the loop! Whether you are interested in taking a foreign language class at TSU, go to a Latin concert, or visit a delicious French bistro in Nashville, this newsletter contains helpful information that will help you answer all the questions you might have. If you cannot find the answer you were looking for here, don't hesitate to reach out!

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### 1 FRENCH CLASSES

This Fall, Dr. Pajoul will offer to all TSU students four classes in French: beginner 1 and 2, intermediate 1 and 2. For minoring students, she will offer her **Francophone Cinema** class FREN 3130 **Francophone Cultural Studies** (3 credits).

### 2 SPANISH CLASSES

¿Hablas español? We offer all levels of Spanish classes from **elementary** to **intermediate high**. Interested in an independent study? We offer that one, too!

### 3 MINORS

You only need **18 credits** to obtain a minor in French or Spanish. What are you waiting for? Check the **catalog** and choose your favorite classes!



### Grammys 2023

TSU wins a Grammy and makes history! Check it out [here!](#)



### Did you know...

...that Bad Bunny's latest album "Un verano sin ti" is the first Spanish-language album nominated for Album of the Year? [Here!](#)



### Who is Marc-André Hamelin?

If you don't know him, you are missing out! Check out his [discography!](#) BTW, he has received 11 Grammy nominations!

# What is happening in Nashville?

Nashville is a vibrant city with more than 690,000. Of these, more than 50,000 were born outside of the United States and "nearly half of those are recent immigrants who entered the country since 2000." ([nashville.gov](http://nashville.gov))

## What does that mean to you?

It means that you live in a multicultural, multiracial, multiethnic city with many opportunities to interact and work with foreign populations. From food, to music, to cultural events, Nashville is very open to discover what we have to offer! You should check it out too!



**FOOD:** If you have not tried it yet, you definitely should! Once Upon a Time in Paris is a delicious French bistro located in East Nashville. If you don't know what a bistro is, you definitely want to look that up before you go! It's one of the most characteristic restaurants in town and the food is simply... délicieuse!

And what about Barcelona? No, not the city (I mean, yeah, the city, too!) but this fantastic restaurant located in the heart of Edgehill. You'll be able to try tapas, very typical Spanish appetizers and delicious wine from all over the world.

**If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart." Nelson Mandela**

**MUSIC:** Have you ever heard of Plaza Mariachi? It's a not-so-hidden gem where you can let loose and dance your heart out! The best part? It's 100% free! Join the Latin community every Thursday night with free dance lessons followed by salsa and bachata dancing until midnight! And who knows? You might even run into Professor Masala on a lucky day! ;)

Don't feel like dancing? Two left feet? No worries! Plaza Mariachi has it all, really! You can attend a concert on a Friday, play La Lotería on a Tuesday, or simply enjoy some delicious tacos at any time of the day! Check out their schedule. It changes every week!

## Thinking about studying abroad?

Studying abroad is an enriching experience but it can be pricey! Check out this opportunity below to receive a **Gilman scholarship** and study/work outside of the United States!



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**France** has been asked to leave the West African country of **Burkina Faso** after receiving a similar request from Mali, a bordering country, last year, in August 2022. The French were there to help fight jihadists in both countries. Currently, Burkina Faso and Mali are turning to Russia for support but are not cutting diplomatic ties with France. To read about this matter, have a look at this short article (2 min read). For more detailed information, watch this video on Aljazeera.



A day before a U.S. military jet shot down a suspected Chinese spy balloon off the country's Atlantic Coast on Saturday, **Colombia's** military confirmed a sighting of an airborne object similar to a balloon flying over its territory. Colombia's air force issued a statement on Saturday providing limited details concerning a possible balloon its air defense system had located Friday morning. U.S. military officials on Friday said another **Chinese** balloon was spotted somewhere over Latin America but did not specify its location.

