World Languages & Digital Humanities Studio

Who We Are

- Curtis Maughan, Director
  Courses: Intro to Digital Humanities (F22), Humanities in the Metaverse (S23)
- Cheyenne Roy, Assistant Director

What We Do

- Workshops
- Conversation Tables
- Club Meetings
- Virtual Reality & Digital Humanities
- Film screenings
- Cultural Activities
- Student Success
- Tesseract Center

WLDH Studio Schedule

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<td>Monday, 11/7</td>
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<td>Spanish Center</td>
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<td>Salaam wa Kalaam</td>
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<td>Tavola Italiana</td>
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<td>Tertulia (Advanced)</td>
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<td>Japanese Language Club</td>
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<td>French Table</td>
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<td>VR Club—Explore Argentina</td>
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Current & Upcoming Events

Follow us on social media!
Twitter & Instagram—@uarkwlhs
Facebook — UARK World Languages & Digital Humanities Studio
Active Listening & Studying Abroad Tips

Sarah Falknor and Annette Quinn
Introductions

**Sarah**
Fayetteville native
Senior
Spanish, Arabic, & Middle East studies major
Study abroad in Granada

**Annette**
Conway, AR
Senior
International Studies & French major, Arabic minor
Study abroad in Geneva, Switzerland
Active Listening

Engaged listening; giving your full attention for the purpose of understanding and responding
Things to Remember

01 Our professor is for you

02 Any understanding is a win

03 Stay in the target language
Things to Remember

05. Maybe put down the pen

06. Don’t get discouraged

07. Get rid of distractions

08. Context is everything
Context, Context, Context

Nonverbal
Good news! This one has nothing to do with knowing the language

Intonations
Listening for questions and guessing the expected response

Flow of conversation
Usually topics and progressions are predictable
Practice (yeah, just to do it)

**STEP 1**
**CHOOSE A GOOD AUDIO**
Appropriate for your level and enjoyable

**STEP 2**
**READ A SUMMARY**
Always in the target language

**STEP 3**
**LISTEN MORE THAN ONCE**
You will better know what to expect the second time
Things to remember while practicing

**Speed**
Try slowing down the audio (if possible) when you have trouble

**Dialect**
Try choosing audios from different dialects
Our Favorites

**Sarah**
- Fairuz
- Arabic films
- Audio Bible
- Soap operas
- Spanish indie rock music (Izal)

**Annette**
- Also Fairuz, 70’s North African music (habibi funk)
- French kids shows/movies on streaming platforms
- Random French playlists on Spotify/YouTube
- African French musicians (Maitre Gims, Dadju, etc)
Study Abroad
Specifically for language learners
My Experience

One of the best decisions I have ever made -- educationally and personally
If you’re freaked out

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<td>Put in your level</td>
<td>Sometimes pass/fail</td>
<td>Tons of scholarships</td>
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<td>Dialects</td>
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<td>Watch some YouTube</td>
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Fill your life with the language. Relentlessly pursue your goal of learning and communicating, and refuse to dwell in English. 

You won't regret it.
My Experience

Languages, mountains, and internationalism in Switzerland.
Study abroad tips

**Decide on study abroad goals**
Different programs have different focuses and languages

**Find the right program**
Look to advisors, professors, and other students for help

**Prepare for financial situation**
Look at cost of programs and cost of living in the country
Study abroad language tips

**Homestays**
Great for language immersion and learning colloquial terms

**Speak with locals**
Lots of places speak English, but you can still try

**Online Translator**
Not always great for classroom, often super helpful abroad

**Practice & patience**
Language gets easier as you understand the culture and practice.
Thank you!

Any questions?